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This Aug. 1, 1963 photo shows James Von Brunn displaying the cover design for a Maryland cookbook he illustrated. Von Brunn is charged with the killing of a security guard who had opened the door to let him into the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum, and authorities said Thursday, June 11, 2009.

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Phil Mickelson gives his golf ball to fan Jack Beerman, 9, after he made birdie on the 16th hole during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., Thursday, June 11, 2009.

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Daddy Yankee live in concert tonight on Aruba

ORANJESTAD - Live In Concert "DADDY YANKEE" Ya Tu Sabe! June 12th, 2009 @ Don Elias Mansur Ballpark Aruba with opening Acts by "Sonic Lab 297, BMW Plus & Sensacion Vallenata". Tickets still available: Call 593-8954.

Musical career

Early career

Ayala was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was influenced by several musicians in his family, including his father and some of his mother's relatives.

During his childhood he practiced singing and focused on lyrical improvisation. Although Ayala first aspired to join the ranks of baseball's Major Leagues and was on his way to MLB, he abandoned this goal after being involved in an accident—at age seventeen, he was caught in the crossfire of a barrio gun battle and received two bullet wounds. One bullet grazed his arm and the other, from an AK-47, hit him in the leg and left him with a permanent limp.

Following this incident he became interested in the underground rap movement, which at the time was in an early organizational stage.

He also took more interest in the events that took place in the neighborhood in which he was raised, a public housing project named Villa Kennedy.

Early in his career he attempted to imitate the style of Vico C. He went on to emulate other artists in the genre, including DJ Playero, DJ Nelson, and DJ Goldy, taking elements from their styles in order to develop an original style.

In doing so, he eventually abandoned the traditional model of rap and became one of the first artists to perform Reggaeton.[3] Ayala first recorded with DJ Playero as a featured artist in a production titled Playero 37, which was released in 1992.

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1st Aruba Rembrandt Regatta promises to be a festival of fun



PALM BEACH - Fun will play a starring role during the 1st Aruba Rembrandt Sailing Regatta, which will be held from August 14 to 16. Following the examples of Bonaire and Curaçao, this international event will hopefully draw many local and international sailors.

Sunfishes, Beach Cats, yachts of various sizes and most probably windsurfers will compete in different categories. International participation is confirmed: the Melody, the Venus Calypige, Team Ibis, the D-Trip, the Dash and Curaçao Marine are coming to pit their strength

against our ten Aruban yachts. The 'Round Aruba Race' is going to be most exciting: the 'big boys' will show who is king of the cruel waves in a show of bravery and daring. Local captains Anthony Hagedoorn of the Tranquilo and Eric Mijts of the Eva Luna have found a great crew to help organize this first annual event and festival, which takes place in the domain of main regatta

sponsor Rembrandt Café. With the enthusiastic support of the Aruba Port Authority, the Coast Guard, the Renaissance Marina and many others behind this first regatta, courses will be sailed in such a way that spectators get a good view of the proceedings: a starting line at the Renaissance harbor and buoys close to shore at Surfside beach and Renaissance island. Wow.

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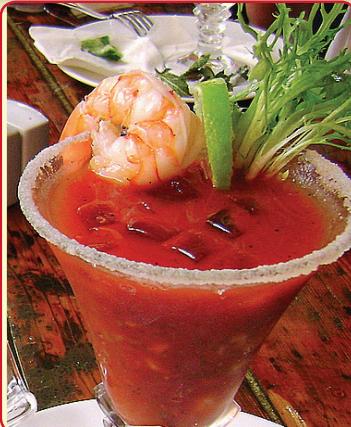
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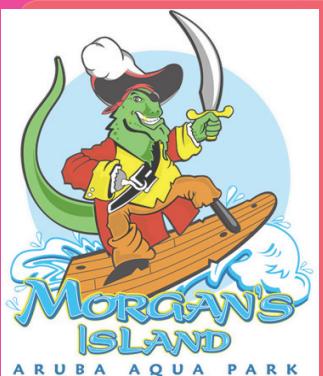
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Both restaurants serve the same brick-oven thin crusted pizzas and both poor the same homemade Sangria. Where the restaurants differ from each other is certain menu items and the opening hours. Casa Tua Barcelona downtown is open for lunch with delicious lunch specials from Monday till Friday. One lunch special is a \$ 9.95 Beef Tenderloin with red wine sauce. All nights of the week Casa Tua Barcelona serves Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata Negra which we

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Though crime against tourist are still scarce

Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation upgrades safety procedures



PALM BEACH - Aruba has now started to enter the real world where peace and

tranquility is being disturbed. Isolated cases are garnering a lot of attention via different

mediums like the internet, with serious consequences.

Aruba's longstanding reputation as the untainted paradise for tranquility and safety for the many visitors as of late has become less of a fact. In spite that the statistics of crimes committed against tourists are low, especially in comparison to other islands in the region these numbers indicate that the acts have become more personal as President of Aruba Hospitality and Security Foundation,

an van Nes stated in an interview with Aruba Today's sister paper Bon Dia Aruba. The interview was made after the robbery of a couple that were strolling on the beach and a heist at a business on Palm Beach with several tourist present, which Mr. van Ness points out that there are valid reasons for concern. Aruba's crime fell primarily categorized under petty-theft and while still staying low in number it has been escalating to heavier crimes from pick-



Valero to shut Aruba refinery due to poor margins

HOUSTON - Valero Energy Corp confirmed on Thursday it plans to shut its 235,000-barrel-per-day (bpd) Aruba refinery for two to three months due to poor margins.

The shutdown is scheduled to begin in late June and the refinery will be completely offline by early July, said Valero spokesman Bill Day. □



pocketing to breaking and entering and robbery.

In the age of the information one single case can generate a very large negative reaction but can do so in a very short time. There are many contributing

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DJ Jeroen gets the vibes going at Bugaloe on Fridays

PALM BEACH - Rhythm-driven DJ Jeroen is getting the vibes going, the adrenaline surging and the blood pumping on Fridays, when the popular local disc jockey is playing his music in beach bar Bugaloe. From 5 to 10 pm you can see this energetic man in action and listen to his easy lounge music early in the evening. Soothe your souls at sunset, is his motto. Jeroen's music

changes as darkness falls and dancing gets underway. Bugaloe, which is a great hang-out for locals as well as for visitors, has an extended menu, by the way. Choose a 'broodje frikandel' or 'broodje kroket', snacks that the Dutch crave, or a healthy grouper special or the fish platter. So don't forget to come by at Bugaloe on Fridays to hear DJ Jeroen play, and

start the weekend on a high note. Happy Hour at the beach bar, located on the De Palm Pier between the Riu Palace and the Radisson Resort, is from 5 to 6 pm, with special prices for Amstel Bright and mojitos. For information about the various goings-on at Bugaloe, surf to www.bugaloe.com. Photo shows DJ Jeroen in action. □



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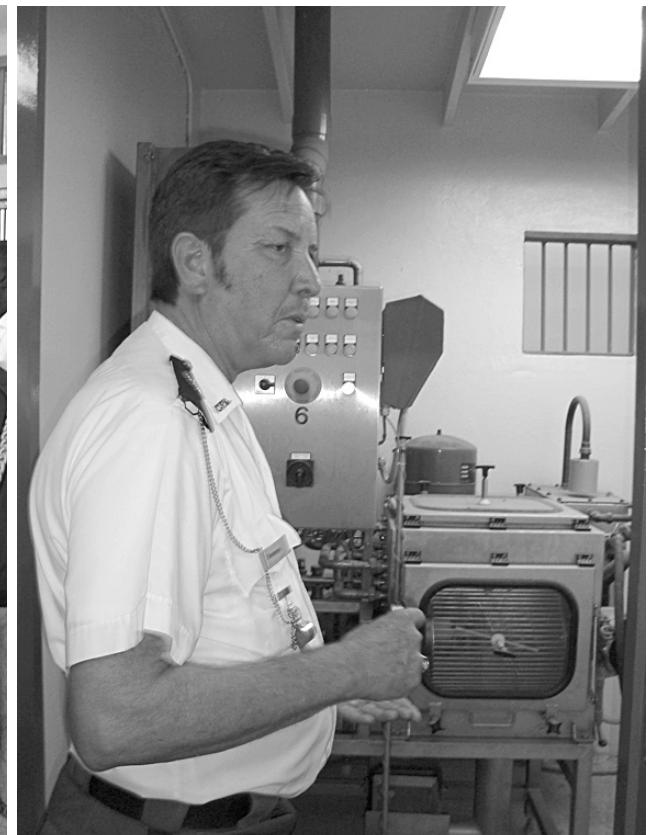
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longer were up to the Human Rights code and adaptations had to be made to improve the situation for the inmates. Camera's were installed to provide a better control and also made proper holding cells

for the female detainees. They updated other facilities as well, like the one to deal with retrieval of drugs from internal carriers. The lavatories have also become completely automated allowing the prisoners to shower twice a

day while together with DOW the drainage system was overhauled to expedite the excessive water. The holding cells are now compliant to the established, as overseen by the committee, Human Rights guidelines. □

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ORANJESTAD - The new herring is on Aruba! This Dutch delicacy, raw, fat and delicious, is the cause for lots of celebrations. On Saturday, June 13 it is party time at Café the Plaza in the Renaissance

Marketplace. The 'Hollandse nieuwe', as the herring is called, will be invitingly laid out at a fish stall together with other fish delights; these can be bought from 6 pm onward. There also will be an open air bar outside the popular restaurant.

Live music is by the fantastic salsa giants of the group Tsunami, regulars at Café the Plaza.

This band always draws a great crowd, so be certain to have eaten your herring before it is sold out. Tsunami starts playing at 9 pm. Sponsors of the 'Haring Dag @Café the Plaza' are Deli Caribbean and Balashi Beer. Café the Plaza is a member of Aruba Wine and Dine.□

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To keep the fun factor high, the possibility has been created for corporate businesses to rent boats at local water sports companies to join in. For sailors from abroad, rental of boats is an option too. If you don't have a yacht, but want to sail along, we know that the Tranquilo is looking for crew members, so start calling Anthony... The festival at Café Rembrandt will start on Thursday, August 13 and on Friday, 14

with the registration of participants. After that the Captain's Meeting will be held at Matthew's Restaurant at Casa del Mar Beach Resort and the festivities at Café Rembrandt will get underway for real with live music. On Saturday, August 15, the yachts have an early, 7 am start for their Round Aruba Race, while the Fun Class Yachts start at 1.30 pm; of course with the festival at Rembrandt's taking a curtain call. On Sunday, the yachts race at 9 am, while the Sunfishes,

Beach Cats and Fun Yachts compete later in the day. The Award ceremony and dinner are held at Café Rembrandt. Co-sponsor is Heineken Beer.

Everyone is welcome to join the first Aruba Rembrandt Regatta. Even if you are not very experienced, this is the time to get a taste of racing. For information and pre-registration you can mail to rembrandtregatta@live.com or call 565-6887. Join the fun! □

A new service introduced, and buy one get one Free Breakfasts

Segafredo Café now offers lunch delivery

SOUTHBEACH CENTRE—Segafredo Café at the South Beach Centre just announced that it is offering free lunch delivery of sandwiches and drinks midday.

Just submit your order prior to 11 a.m., fax it or call in, and your baguette, croissant or ciabatta sandwiches will arrive at your doorstep escorted by a choice of salads, tosti, muffins, coffees to go and drinks to go.

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After-dinner Tiramisu, Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake and Italian Ice-Cream, may be enjoyed late into the night.

Whether its healthy bar food that you're seeking or simply coffee, Segafredo is an outdoor Italian café where locals and visitors meet and mingle and Friday's HAPPY HOUR has become an institution, with a perfect selection of house music and a full bar, to dine, drink and people-watch!

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Independent productions

His first album, titled *No Mercy*, was produced in 1995 when Ayala was eighteen years old.^[1] The production did not sell well, and he continued his work within the genre for the rest of the decade, eventually forming a duo with Nicky Jam. One of the duo's songs, "Posición", was included in the soundtrack of *One Tough Cop*, a movie directed by Bruno Barreto, that was released in 1998.

Beginning in 2000, Ayala began concentrating more on his solo career because of a feud that occurred between him over Nicky Jam because of Nicky Jam becoming addicted to Marajuana, releasing albums produced outside studios. The first production he released was titled *El Cartel*, featuring elements of the mixtape style.^[1] In 2001 *El Cartel II* was released, a direct sequel to the previous production, and influenced by similar genres.

In 2002 *El Cangri.com* was released, and became the first album in Ayala's career to sell well outside Puerto Rico, mostly in the United States.^[1] The album was produced by VI Music, an independent recording studio in Puerto Rico, and was not supported by a major label.^[1] The most successful single from the album was "Latigazo", which received significant play on radio stations in New York and Miami.^[1] The album reached #43 on *Billboard's* Top Latin Albums chart.^[1] Following the release of this disc, Ayala performed at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum before 12,000 fans.^[4] The following year VI Music produced *Los Homerun-es*.^[1] The album became the leader in sales in Puerto Rico during a year in which several other reggaeton artists released significant

productions, including Luny Tunes's *Mas Flow*, Don Omar's *The Last Don*, and Tego Calderón's *El Abayarde*.^[1] The album's success helped Ayala receive the publicity required for a crossover to the United States market, and marked the last album he released with VI music before signing a contract with Universal.^[1]

2004–2005

Ayala's next album, *Barrio Fino*, was produced by Luny Tunes and released in July 2004 by El Cartel Records and Interscope under Universal. It was the most highly anticipated album in the reggaeton community.^[5] Ayala had enjoyed salsa music since he was young, and this led him to include music of genres besides reggaeton in the album.^[5] The most prominent of these cross-genre singles was "Melao", in which he performed with Andy Montañez.^[5] The album was described as his most complete, and with it he intended to introduce combinations of reggaeton and other genres to the English-speaking market.^[5] *Barrio Fino* was followed up by an international tour with performances in numerous countries including the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Honduras, Spain, Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela, and the United States.^[5]

The album has sold over 500,000 copies in the United States alone and has sold well throughout Latin America and worldwide.^[6]

In 2005 Ayala won several international awards, making him one of the most recognized reggaeton artists within the music industry.^[7] The first award of the year was a *Premio Lo Nuestro* within the "Latin music" category, which he received for *Barrio Fino*.^[7] In this event he performed

"Gasolina" in a performance that was described as "innovative".^[7] *Barrio Fino* also won the "Reggaeton Album of the Year" award in the Latin *Billboard* that took place on April 28, 2005,^[7] where he performed a mix of three of his songs in a duo with P. Diddy. The album was promoted throughout Latin America, the United States, and Europe, reaching certified gold in Japan. Due to the album's success, Ayala received promotional contracts with radio stations and soda companies, including *Pepsi*.^[8] His single "Gasolina" received the majority of votes cast for the second edition of *Premios Juventud*, in which it received eight nominations and won seven awards.^[7] Ayala also made a live presentation during the award ceremony. "Gasolina" received nominations in the Latin *Grammy* and *MTV Video Music Awards*.^[7]

The successful single, "Gasolina", was covered by artists from different music genres. This led to a controversy when Los Lagos, a Mexican banda group, did a cover with the original beat but changed the song's lyrics.^[9] The group's label had solicited the copyright permission to perform the single and translate it to a different music style, but did not receive consent to change the lyrics; legal action followed.^[9] Speaking for the artist, Ayala's lawyer stated that having his songs covered was an "honor, but it must be done the right way."^[9]

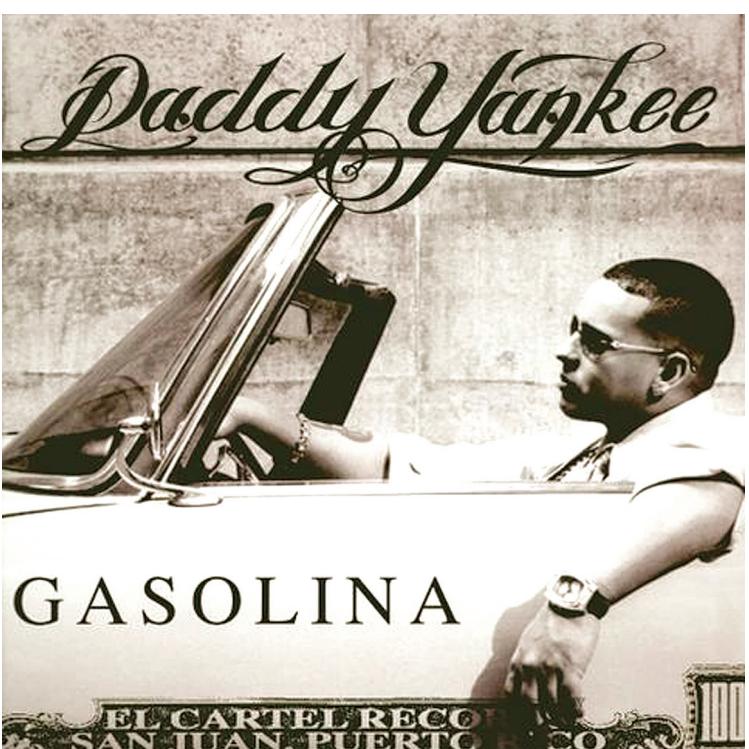
2006–present

On April 30, 2006, Ayala was named one of the 100 most influential people by *Time* magazine, which cited the 2 million copies of *Barrio Fino* sold, Ayala's \$20 million contract with Interscope, and his *Pepsi* endorsement.^[10] During this period, Ayala and William Omar Landrón (more commonly known by his artistic name Don Omar) were involved in a rivalry within the genre, dubbed "tiraera". The rivalry received significant press coverage despite being denied early on by both artists. It originated with a lyrical conflict between the artists begun by Ayala's comments in a remix single, where he criticized Landrón's common usage of the nickname "King of Kings".^[11] Don Omar responded to this in a song titled "Ahora Son

Mejor", part of his album *Los Rompediscotecas*.^[11]

El Cartel: The Big Boss was released by Interscope on June 5, 2007. Ayala stated that the album marked a return to his hip-hop roots as opposed to being considered a strictly reggaeton album.^[12] The album was produced in 2006, and included the participation of will.i.am, Scott Storch, Tainy Tunes, Neli, and personnel from Ayala's label. Singles were produced with Hector El Father, Fergie, Nicole Scherzinger and Akon.^[12] The first single from the album was titled "Impacto", and was released prior to the completion of the album. The album was promoted by a tour throughout the United States, which continued throughout Latin America.^[12] He performed in Mexico, first in Monterrey, where 10,000 attended the concert, and later at San Luis Potosí coliseum, where the concert sold out, leaving hundreds of fans outside the building.^[13] Ayala performed in Chile as well, and established a record for attendance in Ecuador.^[14] He also performed in Bolivia, setting another record when 50,000 fans attended his Santa Cruz de la Sierra concert.^[14] This show was later described as "the best show with the biggest attendance in history" and as "something never seen in our country" by the local media.^[14] The show lasted for two hours, and the audience sang along with the artist.^[14] According to *Billboard* magazine, *El Cartel: The Big Boss* was the top-selling album among all Latin music categories in 2007.^[15] At the moment of release, the album

had sold 500,000 copies in the United States and 50,000 in Mexico.^[15] In an interview, Ayala said that he was happy that his album had sold more than those of Juan Luis Guerra and Juanes, and that this was an "official proof that reggaeton's principal exponent defeated the rest of the genres".^[15] Ayala made a guest appearance in an album titled "Caribbean Connection" released on June 24, 2008. The production included participation by other Latin American artists such as Wisin & Yandel, Don Omar and Héctor Delgado, along with Jamaican musicians such as Inner Circle, Bounty Killer, Elephant Man and Wayne Wonder.^[16] In July 2008, Ayala announced that as part of his work, he would produce a cover version of Thalía's song, *Ten Paciencia*.^[17] Prior to the album's release, Ayala scheduled several activities, including an in-store contract signing.^[18] On February 27, 2009, he performed at the Viña del Mar International Song Festival in Chile.^[19] In this event, the artists receive awards based on the public's reaction. After performing "Rompe", "Llamado de emergencia", "Tú me dejaste caer", "Gasolina", "Limpia parabrisas" and "Lo que pasó, pasó" over the course of two hours, Ayala received the "Silver Torch", "Gold Torch" and "Silver Seagull" recognitions.^[19] On April 24, 2009, he received the Spirit of Hope Award as part of the Latin *Billboard Music Awards* ceremony.^[20] The recognition is given to the artists that participate in community or social efforts throughout the year. □



Aruba Honors Distinguished Guests



ORANJESTAD - Recently Mrs. and Mr. Susan and Eugene Jr. Carlson were honored as distinguished guest of the island of Aruba. The couple has been visiting Aruba for 12 consecutive years. Of which they have been staying at the Marriott Ocean Club. Their first visit was back in 1997 on a cruise ship and they enjoyed it so much they kept coming back. The certificate was handed at the Marriott Ocean Club which is the hotel where they have been staying.

The Carlson's have visited many places around

the globe and have always considered Aruba as their number one. They stated that Aruba is their home away from home with amongst the reasons for this, being the friendly and helpful people as well as the safety that can be found on this little rock.

They have brought several family members and friends over the years sharing with them the Aruban experience. Present were Boris, Front Office Manager of Marriott Ocean Club and Rayon Koolman on behalf of Aruba Tourism Authority. □



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Anglican Church of Aruba. Akos and Eniko are extremely happy and they truly enjoyed their wedding day which was made possible due to the assistance they got from the crew of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba. They want to thank both Christine and Lissy for all

MANCHEBO BEACH - Akos's and Eniko's story begun in 2007. They met at work in November of that same year and not long after they were engaged in Berlin ... In their own words "It was an amazing adventure".

Eniko works for the the Rockwell company in Hungary, and Akos owns his own online store in Hungary which incidentally is the most visited gadgetshop in Eastern Europe (www.bifyoshop.hu)

Their beautiful wedding day in Aruba was preceded by a lot of challenges. Their original wedding was completely planned and organized for at a Castle in Budapest (Hungary), amongst their family and friends, and they were planning to honeymoon in Aruba at the Manchebo Beach Resort.

With the change of management at the Castle where they were previously booked, came a lot of other changes including a non



compliance with the previously signed contract, and they were forced to cancel their big day only 3 weeks prior to the event date. Needless to say it was a disappointment, but they decided not to let this hamper their wishes to be married, and no matter what they were

going to get married ... So they started looking into possibilities to tie the knot at the same destination where they were planning to honeymoon. And it worked! They went searching on the internet and found all the information that they needed.

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45 to graduate from University Saturday

PHILIPSBURG--University of St. Martin (USM) will graduate 45 more students when the fifteenth commencement ceremony is held Saturday, June 13, under the theme: "Building Country St. Martin with an Educated Youth." The ceremony will be held at the Sonesta Maho Convention Centre starting at 7:00pm. Eighteen of the graduates, the largest group, will receive their Associates' degrees in Business, seven students will be graduating with their Bachelor of Arts degrees in Education, and six students will be graduating with their Associates' degrees in General Liberal Arts.

Ten students, five of whom have already graduated with their Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business Administration and a similar number with their Master of Arts degrees in Education, are expected to walk in the ceremony. Both of these programmes were offered in conjunction with University of the Virgin Islands and the 10 students received their UVI degrees during a ceremony in St. Thomas last month. Three other students will be graduating with their Bachelors' degrees in Business Administration. That programme was carried out in conjunction with Mount St. Vincent University in Canada. One student will be graduating with her certificate in teaching.

The Class of 2009 will join more than 400 graduates as USM alumni.

"I would like to congratulate all our graduates and wish them much success in their future endeavours," USM President Josianne Fleming-Artsen was quoted as saying in a USM press release, encouraging students and graduates to be proud of having received their degrees from USM.

"USM is very proud of the confidence our graduates have placed in this institution of higher learning. We are actually educating global citizens whose main geographic operating area may be St. Maarten. So to say we are preparing human capital for St. Maarten alone would be doing our graduates a dishonour. We are educating professionals to be able to function optimally in whatever environment they may find themselves immersed in, while also being able to give back to their community.

"Consequently, we aim to see our graduates go from strength to strength whether they continue

academically or decide to join the workforce. They are a reflection of USM in whatever they do and I am calling on them to represent the institution with pride and honour."

Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Ron Pribble shared a similar sentiment.

"This year's graduates, like the hundreds from the past, demonstrate that USM is a place of learning where students can start here and then go anywhere. The university will see its graduates move into professional positions in St. Maarten and in other countries.

"Many graduates will continue along their educational paths at universities in other lands and receive substantial scholarships to support their continued studies. Their success is a testament to their growth and hard work and to the solid foundation of learning that USM fosters and develops," Pribble said.

The students graduating this year with their Associate of Arts degrees in Business are Rosemar Africa-Williams, Julian Ashley, Catherina Carbon, Natacha Carriere, Sahcha Eustache, Antoine Fleming, Kevon Fleming, Shevon Fleming, Guerda Fremont, Daniel Hyman, Akintude Patrick, George Pelgrim, Satish Ramlall, Normaline Richardson, Tasha Richardson, Lavisha Sachdev, Conroy Thomas, and Mery-Ann Welks.

The students graduating with Associate of Arts degrees in General Liberal Arts are Magdiona Gumbs, Monica Longville, Zola Maison, Ricky Mason, Jennie Stapleton, and Curtis Thomas.

Those graduating with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Education are Lissa Carter, Shirmel Dickenson, Yonnette France-Gordon, Reeder Jno Baptiste, Sarah Johnson, Claudine Spanner, and Lenworth Wilson Jr.

Graduates with Bachelors' degrees in Business are Conneir Thelwell, Giovanna Schotborg, Sophie Iles, Dion Gumbs, and Silviane John.

Elmia Gumbs, Elfrida Job-Peterson, and one other student are graduating with their Bachelors' degrees in Business Administration in the programme offered in conjunction with Mount St. Vincent University in Canada.

Gracier Brown, Jackelene Gumbs, Juliana Hodge-Shipley, Kim Lucas-Felix, and Jessica Richardson have graduated with Masters' degrees in Education, while Peggy Illis-Bell will

be receiving her Certificate in Teaching.

"As graduating students march across the stage at USM Commencement 2009 on Saturday, June 13, they will celebrate with friends, peers, and extended family members the capstone moment of their journey of personal, intellectual, and career development.

"Many of these graduates will celebrate the upward movement of their family banners because their graduation represents so much in the history of families and the dreams of those who have assisted and supported them," Pribble said. "Students are not an island unto themselves. In fact, graduates are extensions of the families and friends who have encouraged and sometimes even pushed them forward and upward."

"The Board of the University applauds all of these industrious and energetic graduates. We know that each graduate will make a significant contribution to St. Maarten which is enhanced by education.

"The Board also wishes to thank the many contributors to the scholarships held by many of our graduates, including the Island and Central Government Department of Education, the Dr. Tien Scholar programme, Journey for Education, and all the business sponsors who supported the degree efforts of our graduates," Board of Directors President Dr. Lockie Johnson said.

The keynote speaker at the commencement will be Bureau of Constitutional Affairs head Jeannette Hagen. Hagen has a wealth of knowledge and experience in offshore financial business – export transactions, entrepreneurial initiatives and organisational structures.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business and Public Administration from University of the Netherlands Antilles; a Master's degree in International Business, majoring in Finance from Florida International University; and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Inter-American Studies from the University of Miami, concentrating on development processes, international business, foreign relations, and entrepreneurial experiences in the Caribbean region. □



No more, no less

THE HAGUE - That a majority in the Dutch Second Chamber rejected a PVV motion to order an investigation into the state of affairs in St. Maarten and Curaçao, while it may disappoint some, is good news on the whole. Not that such an investigation should be feared. After all, there is no reason to fear if there is nothing to hide and were any wrongdoings to come to light, this would only benefit society in the long run.

The problem is that having the Kingdom Government order such an investigation in itself would in the minds of many – especially in the Netherlands – already mean the two islands have a major corruption problem, regardless of the final outcome.

This is all the more the case were it to be done based on the motion of opposition party PVV, which lets no opportunity go by to grossly generalise and misrepresent the Dutch Caribbean islands as “banana republics” and their leaders as “a bunch of crooks.” Had the CDA/PvdA/ Christenunie coalition backing

the Balkenende Cabinet supported the motion, it would have in effect reinforced that false perception constantly created by the populist PVV, which continues to play on anti-minority sentiments in the Netherlands resulting from immigration and the social frictions it has created. Aruba will be the subject of an investigation along the lines of what the Dutch Scientific and Research Documentation Centre WODC did on crime and the maintaining of law and order in St. Maarten in 2007. Whether that means earlier plans for a corruption investigation by “Transparency International” that led to angry reactions from the Aruba Government are off the table is not entirely clear.

While a majority in the Second Chamber didn’t consider an investigation into Curaçao’s state of affairs necessary, it was a different matter for St. Maarten and additional information will be gathered by State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten to update the 2007 report to include

recent developments. The result of that exercise could well have an impact on the process of constitutional change and its timing. No matter how you look at it, getting the Kingdom Government to grant St. Maarten country status will be difficult if not impossible unless some of the concern in the Second Chamber is addressed, even if it may take some time. That is a reality with which the incoming National Alliance/Heyliger coalition at the island level will have to deal.

But the target date of January 1, 2010, for the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles was already very much in doubt and will be discussed in Willemstad later this month, while there is also talk of a “Plan B” for St. Maarten. Whatever that “Plan B” entails, it must in any case be of a strictly temporary and purely transitional nature, because what the people ultimately voted for is St. Maarten as an autonomous country in the Dutch Kingdom; no more, no less. □



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U.S. debt: Owned by foreigners

In 2003, billionaire financier Warren Buffett warned in Fortune magazine that America’s uncontrolled national spending was leading to ever-growing foreign ownership of the national debt.

Back then, China owned less than \$300 billion of the U.S. debt. Today, six years later, China owns \$768 billion. That’s 10.9 percent of all U.S. Treasury securities.

In 2000, the total U.S. debt was \$5.8 trillion. Now it is \$11 trillion. That \$11 trillion is divided into two parts: “public debt” -- \$6.7 trillion in Treasury securities -- that can be sold on international markets, plus \$4.3 trillion of specialized debt, including the Social Security Trust Fund, owed to individual Americans.

Foreign governments now own 48 percent -- almost half -- of America’s public debt.

Who are these governments? The lineup is shifting. A year ago, Japan was number one, followed by China, Great Britain, the “oil exporters” and Brazil, in that order. But in the past year, much has changed:

Some of America’s friends unloaded. Great Britain dumped 36 percent of its U.S. Treasury securities. Canada dropped 45 percent of its American holdings. Both of their currencies are stronger than the U.S. currency at this point. Meanwhile, a few less-friendly countries bought in big. In the past year, China increased its ownership by 51 percent, from \$506 billion to \$768 billion. Meanwhile, Russia more than tripled its stake in U.S. debt, to \$138.4 billion. Colombia hiked its investment by 40 percent to \$11.2 billion.

“Oil exporters” now own \$192 billion of the national debt. They include Ecuador, Venezuela, Indonesia, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria.

Ownership by “Caribbean banking centers” almost doubled in the past year. These secretive centers are in the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Netherlands Antilles and Panama. Nobody quite knows who owns those securities. China is now America’s number-one creditor. Japan is second, holding 10.2 percent of the U.S. public debt, followed by Caribbean banking centers (3.2 percent), oil exporters (2.8 percent), and Russia (2 percent).

America has arrived at a strange and dangerous place in international relations. In mid-May, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao asked the White House to guarantee the safety of its securities. “We have lent a huge amount of money to the United States,” he said. “Of course, we are worried about the safety of our assets.”

What does that mean in West Virginia? If China dumps large amounts of U.S. holdings, economists say, the ripples would be felt in every part of America. To keep inflation under control, the Federal Reserve has already lowered interest rates to zero. The United States has run out of arrows to shoot at inflation. If the Fed is forced to raise interest rates, inflation could send the price of daily life soaring, just as the stock market is starting to recover from the mortgage crisis.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner was in China last week, conducting high-level talks about China’s balance-of-trade advantage while he assures the Chinese that the U.S. dollar is just fine. He is laboring under a substantial handicap. As Hillary Clinton said during the 2008 campaign, “How do you get tough on your banker?” □

Climate change blamed for Caribbean coral deaths

LONDON (Reuters) – Climate change has contributed to a flattening of the complex, multi-layered architecture of Caribbean coral reefs, compromising their role as a nursery for fish stocks and a buffer against tropical storms, a study shows. The analysis of 500 surveys of 200 reefs, conducted between 1969 and 2008, showed the most complex types of reef had been virtually wiped out across the entire Caribbean.

Such reefs -- typified by Table Corals of over 1 meter across and huge antler-shaped Staghorn Corals -- act as a sanctuary for local fish stocks and a hunting ground for larger, commercially fished species.

Many have been replaced with the flattest types of rubble-strewn reef, which now cover about three quarters of the Caribbean's reef area, up from about a fifth in the 1970s, said the study, published in the Royal Society journal Biology Letters.

The biggest impact has occurred in the last decade, said the report by researchers from Britain's University of East Anglia and Canada's Simon Fraser University.

"Lack of ... refuges for species with commercial importance, such as lobsters and large fishes may compromise the long-term sustainability of fisheries and fishing communities," the report said.

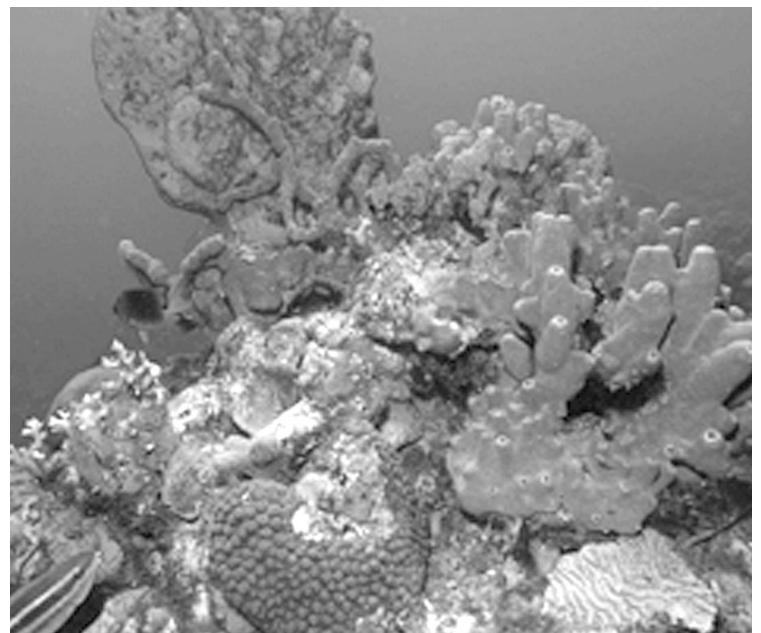
Flatter reefs are also less effective in protecting coastal homes and villages from storm swells and tidal surges.

"The importance of this is going to increase," said Lorenzo Alvarez of the University of East Anglia, who led the study. "Many scientists think there will be more hurricanes in the future."

The degradation of Caribbean reefs is not entirely linked to climate change, with disease killing about 90 percent of Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals in the 1970s, but a second period of coral destruction is now under way.

New damage is typified by "coral bleaching," which occurs when the tiny organisms that build coral reefs become stressed and abandon their colonies.

"We suggest that the last period of decline is partly due to climate change, but also due to several other human impacts such as over-fishing and coastal development," Alvarez said. "In future, we'll need to change our behavior and reduce the stress on the reefs." □



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Cornflakes, White Bread Could Boost Heart Risk

By Kathleen Doheny

HealthDay Reporter

THURSDAY, June 11 (HealthDay News) -- Eating a diet rich in carbohydrates that boost blood sugar levels -- foods such as cornflakes or white bread -- may hamper the functioning of your blood vessels and raise your risk of developing cardiovascular disease, a new study suggests. And another study, released Thursday at the Endocrine Society's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., found that people might actually feel fuller -- and might therefore eat less -- if they cut back a bit on carbohydrates in their diet.

In the first study, researchers from

Israel's Chaim Sheba Medical Center and elsewhere evaluated 56 healthy but overweight or obese men and women, aged 35 to 60. None had diabetes or a history of hospitalizations for cardiovascular disease.

The researchers fed the men and women on four different mornings, following overnight fasts. They were served either glucose, cornflakes, high-fiber cereal or water, in descending order of glycemic index.

Low-glycemic index foods include oatmeal, most fruits and vegetables, legumes and nuts. White bread, cornflakes and instant potatoes are high-glycemic indexes. The higher the glycemic index, the more

that food raises blood sugar levels.

Before and after the meals or the water, the team of researchers measured the functioning of the endothelium, the layer of cells that line the inside of blood vessels. If the endothelial function is poor, it is thought to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease.

The measurement used is called brachial artery flow-mediated dilation (FMD), which measures how well the endothelium is functioning. Researchers also measured the participants' blood sugar levels.

The blood sugar levels before and two hours after the meals were similar, but they were

higher at 30 to 90 minutes after the high-glycemic meals.

The FMD was reduced two hours after eating for all groups, but the reduction was more marked after the high-glycemic meals.

The high-glycemic meals, the authors conclude, appeared to impair the endothelial function. "Based on our study, we do urge consumers to have low-glycemic index carbohydrates instead of high-glycemic carbohydrates for better health and less potential hazards for the vascular endothelial function," said Dr. Michael Shechter, senior cardiologist at The Sackler Faculty of Medicine at Tel Aviv University in Israel.

"The main take-home message is that high-glycemic index carbs are dangerous since they reduce or inhibit endothelial function, which is the 'risk of the risk factors,' leading to atherosclerosis and potentially leading to heart disease," Shechter said.

Previous research has found that high blood sugar levels after meals is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, not only in patients with diabetes but in the general population. Declining endothelial function is considered a key variable in the development of hardening of the arteries and heart disease.

The study is published in the June 16 issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Another expert called the study "interesting" but added a caveat that more research is needed to confirm the findings. "The cross-over design is a real strength," said Barry Braun, director of the Energy Metabolism Laboratory at the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst. But he said some "dots" still need to be connected.

In the second study, researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham investigated whether a small cutback in dietary carbohydrates would actually boost that sense of satiety you get after eating.

Led by professor of nutritional sciences Barbara Gower, the team noted that Americans typically get 55 percent of their daily calories from carbs such as sugars, starches and fiber. This was the "control" diet used in the study. The team had other adult participants go on a moderate carb diet where 43 percent of calories came from carbohydrates. Protein intake (a major influence on satiety) was the same for both diets, but people on the moderate-carb diet took in a bit more fat to make up the difference. □

Heart dangers seen in very young obese children

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Obese children as young as 7 have worrying levels of compounds linked to heart disease and heart attacks, U.S. researchers reported on Thursday.

They found that obese youngsters had up to 10 times the normal amount of a compound that reflects inflammation, and another that helps blood to clot -- both known to raise the risk of heart attacks and heart disease in adults.

"Our study finding suggests that we need more aggressive interventions for weight control in obese children," said Dr. Nelly Maura of Nemours Children's Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, who led the study.

Obesity is hard to measure in children but pediatricians generally classify a child as obese if he or she is in the 95th percentile of weight for their age.

Maura and colleagues studied 202 healthy children, 115 of them obese, and half of them past puberty.

The obese children had high levels of c-reactive protein, associated with inflammation, which is itself linked to heart disease. They also had abnormally high levels of the clotting factor fibrinogen compared to lean children of the same age and sex, Maura told a meeting of the Endocrine Society.

None of the children had other symptoms that might point to danger, such as the high blood pressure, high blood glucose and high cholesterol known collectively as the metabolic syndrome.

"Doctors often do not treat obesity in children now unless they have other features of the metabolic syndrome," Maura said in a statement.

"This practice should be reconsidered." □

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Better data, strong 30-year auction lift stocks

By STEPHEN BERNARD and
TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — The stock market's rally is shifting to a lower gear.

The Dow Jones industrial average tacked on a modest 32 points Thursday after being up as much as 139, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up to reach its highest level since November.

Investors welcomed a drop in jobless claims, growth in retail sales and better-than-expected demand at a government debt auction. But traders also seemed mindful of how far the market has come in its three-month rally.

The stock market has at times run low on fresh evidence of economic recovery that could push the rally further. The data out Thursday helped but weren't enough to keep the pace of buying strong through the end of trading.

The Labor Department reported that the number of newly laid-off Americans filing for jobless benefits fell last week by 24,000 to 601,000, better than economists forecast.

However the number of unemployed continuing to file for claims rose to 6.8 million, the highest on records dating to 1967.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department said retail sales rose 0.5 percent in May, interrupting two months of decreases and marking the largest gain since January. Investors watch those numbers because consumer spending accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

Doug Lockwood, chief investment officer at Cornerstone Wealth Management, said the improvements in sales is a strong signal that the recession may be easing.

Hope of a recovery has pushed the S&P 500 index up 39.7

percent from a 12-year low on March 9.

"There has been a lot of rallying and rebounding going on, but we have to continue to see improvements," Lockwood said.

Stocks rose to their highest levels of the day in afternoon trading when the Treasury Department said an auction for 30-year Treasury bonds attracted strong demand. That allowed investors to set aside some of their worries about higher interest rates. Stocks lost ground Wednesday following a relatively weak auction for 10-year notes.

The Dow rose 31.90, or 0.4 percent, to 8,770.92. The S&P 500 rose 5.74, or 0.6 percent, to 944.89, just above its close on June 2 and its highest point since Nov. 5. The Nasdaq Composite index rose 9.29, or 0.5 percent, to 1,862.37, its best level since Oct. 6.

Investors have been uneasy in the past two months about demand for government debt. If Washington has to raise rates to attract buyers, that could hurt the economy by boosting borrowing costs.

The market's losses Wednesday came after the government had to entice investors with a higher yield for 10-year notes than traders had anticipated. The yield on the 10-year note is closely linked to interest rates on home mortgages and other kinds of loans.

"The bond market is a potential risk to the stock market if yields continue to move higher," said Dean Curnutt, president of Macro Risk Advisors. "A further rise in yields threatens to choke off a recovery."

The Mortgage Bankers Association said this week that demand for refinancing mortgages has fallen as rates have moved higher. Like consumer spending, a recovery in the housing market is also seen vital to an economic

recovery.

Bond investors have also been worried that a flood of new supply in the Treasury market could hurt Treasury prices as the government issues massive amounts of debt to finance its financial bailout and economic stimulus programs.

Treasury prices were mostly higher going into the auction for 30-year bonds and continued to rise afterward, pushing their yields lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year note fell to 3.86 percent from 3.96 percent late Wednesday. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond fell to 4.69 percent from 4.77 percent late Wednesday. □



A job seeker (R) watches while a recruiter looks over his card during a Wall Street Pink Slip Party at City Winery June 10, 2009 in New York City. New claims for US unemployment benefits fell last week for the fourth consecutive week but the insured unemployment rate held steady, the Labor Department said.

(AFP/Getty Images/File/Chris Hondros)

Meltdown 101: Rising energy costs and the economy

By CHRIS KAHN,
AP Energy Writer

Energy prices are starting to soar again. Oil prices, for starters, have broken free of the fundamentals that usually rule the market, rising despite a glut in surplus crude oil. Benchmark crude climbed to its highest level in eight months Thursday, touching \$73.23 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Gas prices at the pump have been surging too, reaching a national average of \$2.63 a gallon. What could spiking prices mean for a country trying to break free of a recession? Is there a risk that expensive oil and gas will make it harder for the economy to recover?

Here are some questions and answers about the economic consequences of high energy prices.

Q: How do rising energy prices affect the economy?

A: Americans buy so much gasoline that a \$1 increase in pump prices means a \$140 billion annual hit on the economy. That's \$140 billion that won't go into savings accounts, college funds, restaurants or toward movie night. And economists believe that more spending is what is needed to help pull the country out of recession.

James Hamilton, an economist at the University of California, San Diego, said

that energy costs now add up to more than 6 percent of American consumer spending. At that rate, people start rearranging their budgets. "The money has got to come from somewhere," Hamilton said. "People either have to save less or spend less."

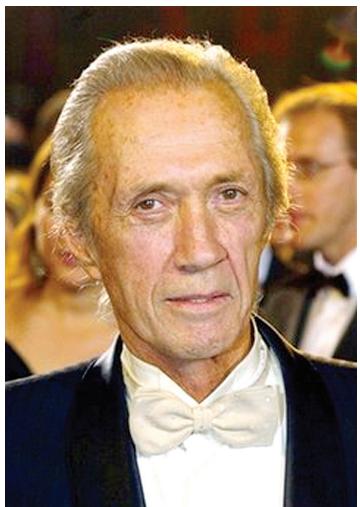
Historically, that means they'll hold off on buying everything from a new car to a new pair of shorts for the summer. Even underwear gets a few extra miles during a recession, economists say.

Gas prices have added roughly 60 cents a gallon since the start of May, and they're again flirting with \$3 a gallon in California, Illinois, Michigan and Washington, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

Rising gas prices, along with high unemployment rates around the country, will likely force a lot more belt tightening this summer. This year, though, consumers may have a much milder reaction to expensive gas than they did last year, when oil spiked to more than twice its current price, UCLA economist Edward Leamer said.

"The first time you get slapped in the face, it hurts," Leamer said. "The third or fourth time, it feels kind of normal. So that's what you're seeing now. You don't see people getting as irate when they see the price of gas go up." □

AP Exclusive: No Carradine suicide, expert says



FILE - This May 17, 2003 file photo shows American actor, David Carradine, smiles as he arrives for the screening of the documentary 'Ghosts Of The Abyss,' during the 56th Film Festival in Cannes, France.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler, File)

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — The forensics expert hired by David Carradine's family has concluded that the "Kung Fu" actor did not commit suicide, but said that more information was needed from Thai investigators before the cause of death could be determined. Carradine's brothers, Keith and Robert Carradine, each read part of a prepared statement to reporters from The Associated Press at a Los Angeles hotel Thursday morning. In their first appearance since their older brother was found hanging in a Bangkok hotel room closet last week, they thanked supporters and asked for privacy.

"This is a devastating loss for our family and we greatly appreciate the compassion pouring in from all over the world," Keith Carradine said. They also released a statement by Dr. Michael Baden of New York that indicated a second autopsy determined Carradine didn't kill himself.

"However, to reach a final determination as to the cause and the manner of death we must wait for further information from Thailand as to the scene findings and the completion of the crime laboratory and toxicology studies that are still being performed," Baden's statement said.

Reached by phone after the morning briefing, Baden

said he expects to receive more information from Thai authorities in a week or two and stressed that the information at hand was incomplete. Baden didn't elaborate on how suicide was ruled out.

"The autopsy is only part of the analysis," he said.

In the meantime, Robert Carradine asked the public and press for patience and time to allow the family to grieve.

"Until we have all of the pending results of the investigation we respectfully ask ... that we be allowed to lay our beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to rest in peace and with dignity," Robert Carradine said.

Rampant speculation about the actor's death has swirled since a chambermaid at the luxury Swissotel Nai Lert Park

Hotel in Bangkok discovered his body hanging in the closet of his room June 4. A Thai newspaper published a graphic photo of the death scene that police have said appears to be a leaked forensics image.

Thai police initially said they suspected Carradine's death was a suicide, but later conceded it could have been accidental. Their description — that the actor's body was found nude, with ropes around his neck, wrist and genitals — fueled speculation that he was killed while engaging in a dangerous sex practice called auto-erotic asphyxiation.

Thai authorities said on June 5 that it would take about three weeks for the results of their autopsy to be released.

Medical examiners in the United States and Canada generally classify auto-

erotic asphyxiation deaths as accidental.

Keith Carradine last week asked the FBI to take a role, and Thai authorities later said they would allow FBI agents to observe their investigation, but not take an active role. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said earlier this week that the agency would not make any more comments about its role in the Carradine investigation, but that agents stationed in Thailand have a good relationship with local authorities.

Agents typically only get involved in the deaths of U.S. citizens abroad when foul play is involved, she said.

Others who knew the 72-year-old actor have said they suspect foul play was involved. Keith and Robert Carradine on Thursday urged everyone to

wait until the investigation has concluded.

"Once the investigation is fully completed and definitive conclusions have been reached, we will address the findings with the public," Robert Carradine said.

Both Keith and Robert Carradine shared the screen with their brother, a prolific TV and film actor. David Carradine rose to prominence for his role on the "Kung Fu" series in the 1970s and experienced a resurgence in popularity after his role in Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill" movies earlier this decade.

The family's statement did not indicate the location of his body, or offer any information about funeral arrangements. They did not take questions Thursday after reading the statements. □

Late blues great Koko Taylor gets musical sendoff



In this Friday, May 5, 2006 photo, Koko Taylor performs during the 2006 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans.

(AP Photo/Rob Carr)

CHICAGO — The late legendary blues singer Koko Taylor is set to receive a musical tribute fit for a queen.

Denise Williams, Otis Clay and other musicians in town for this weekend's Chicago Blues Festival are scheduled to perform Thursday at a memorial service for Taylor. Her funeral is Friday.

The sharecropper's daughter, who earned the nickname "Queen of the Blues" during a career that stretched more than five decades, died June 3 at age 80 about two weeks after having surgery because of gastrointestinal bleeding.

While Taylor didn't have widespread mainstream success, she was revered and beloved by blues aficionados. Her work included the best-selling song "Wang Dang Doodle," and tunes such as "What Kind of Man is This" and "I Got What It Takes."

Taylor made numerous national television appearances, was the subject of a PBS documentary and had a small part in director David Lynch's "Wild at Heart."

She earned seven Grammy nominations and won in 1984.

Taylor last performed on May 7 in Memphis, Tenn., at the Blues Music Awards.

The Chicago Blues Festival Web site on Thursday featured pictures of Taylor performing and a note that read, "A voice that will be missed; a presence that will never be gone." Her Thursday afternoon wake will be followed by the musical tribute. Another visitation will be held Friday afternoon, followed by her funeral with a eulogy to be delivered by the Rev. Jesse Jackson. All events will be held at the headquarters of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition on Chicago's South Side. □



Host Conan O'Brien gestures onstage during the 58th annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles August 27, 2006.

REUTERS/Mike Blake

By Alex Dobuzinskis

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Conan O'Brien ruled late-night television in his first week hosting "The Tonight Show," but viewers

Conan loses viewers after "Tonight Show" debut

deserted him as the days progressed, complete ratings numbers released on Thursday showed.

O'Brien averaged 6.1 million viewers a night last week during his much-hyped opening stand on NBC's "The Tonight Show," compared to an average of 3.5 million viewers for his main competitor, CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman."

O'Brien's predecessor, Jay Leno, averaged 7.0 million viewers in his last week, ended May 29. O'Brien's debut on June 1 attracted 9.2 million viewers, the program's biggest

Monday-night audience in four years. But by Friday, his number fell to 4.5 million viewers.

And preliminary data showed Letterman this past Tuesday beat "The Tonight Show" for the first time since October, attracting a 3.4 rating in households compared to a 2.9 rating for O'Brien.

O'Brien was back on top on Wednesday night, and ratings experts said they expect a back-and-forth race between O'Brien and Letterman in future months. □



On Top Of The News

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Friday, June 12, 2009

Holocaust denier charged in museum shooting

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Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — An 88-year-old white supremacist was charged with murder Thursday, a day after officials said he left a signed anti-Semitic screed in his car outside the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, then gunned down a security guard who opened the door to let him in. Guard Stephen T. Johns was shot to death Wednesday by Holocaust denier James von Brunn, who left his car outside an entrance to the museum and walked in holding a rifle at his side, Police Chief Cathy Lanier said at a news conference.

Von Brunn started shooting immediately, exchanging fire with two other guards who shot and critically injured him, Lanier said.

In his car, officers found a notebook with a

handwritten note that read, "You want my weapons — this is how you'll get them. The Holocaust is a lie. Obama was created by Jews," according to a court affidavit.

Von Brunn's .22-caliber rifle held 10 more bullets and investigators found more in his car and at an apartment in nearby Annapolis, Maryland, that he shared with son and his son's fiancee. Security guards fired at von Brunn at least eight times, hitting him in the face. The museum remained closed Thursday and flags flew at half-staff in honor of Johns, 39, who had worked at the museum for six years. Bouquets of roses, lilies and other flowers were left outside the museum walls. The entrance where the shooting occurred was still cordoned off by police tape.

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A child wears mask, as precaution against swine flu, at hospital in Bogota, Thursday, June 11, 2009. The World Health Organization told its member nations it was declaring a swine flu pandemic Thursday, the first global flu epidemic in 41 years, as infections climbed in the United States, Europe, Australia, South America and elsewhere.

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WHO: Swine flu now a pandemic, first in 41 years

FRANK JORDANS

Associated Press Writers

GENEVA (AP) — Swine flu is now formally a pandemic, a declaration by U.N. health officials that will speed vaccine production and spur government spending to combat the first global flu epidemic in 41 years. Thursday's announcement by the World Health Organization doesn't mean the virus is

any more lethal — only that its spread is considered unstoppable.

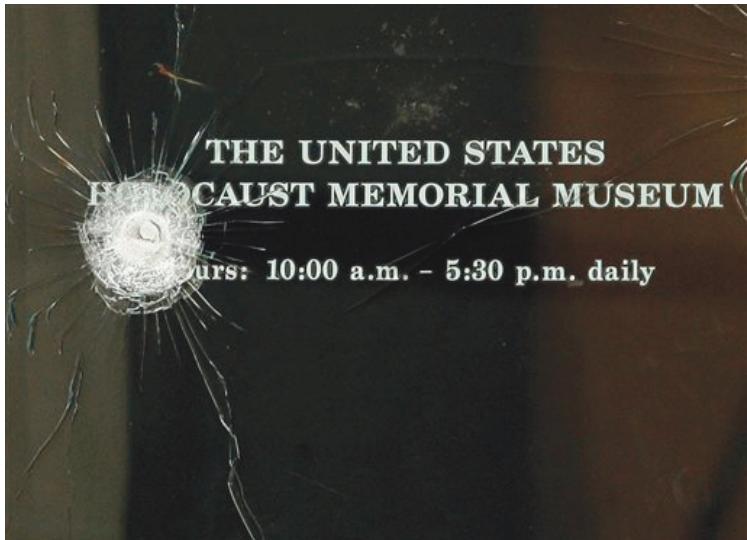
Since it was first detected in late April in Mexico and the United States, swine flu has reached 74 countries, infecting nearly 29,000 people. Most who catch the bug have only mild symptoms and don't need medical treatment.

WHO chief Dr. Margaret Chan made the long-awaited

declaration after the U.N. agency held an emergency meeting with flu experts and said she was moving to phase 6 — the agency's highest alert level — which means a pandemic is under way.

"The world is moving into the early days of its first influenza pandemic in the 21st century," Chan said in Geneva.

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Bullet strikes are seen in one of the doors to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum after a shooting left a security officer dead and the gunman wounded in Washington Thursday, June 11, 2009.

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No smoking: Historic vote could bring new limits



Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn, center, speaks on the passage of legislation that gives the government control over the production and marketing of tobacco products, Thursday, June 11, 2009, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., Dodd, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Associated Press

JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate struck a historic blow against smoking in the United States Thursday, voting overwhelmingly to give regulators new power to limit nicotine in the cigarettes that kill nearly a half-million Americans a year, to drastically curtail ads that glorify tobacco and to ban flavored products aimed at spreading the habit to young people. President Barack Obama, who has spoken of his own struggle to quit smoking, said he was eager to sign the legislation after minor differences with a House version are worked out — and the House planned a vote for Friday. Cigarette foes said the measure would not only cut deaths but reduce the \$100 billion in annual health care costs linked to tobacco. Obama's signature would then add tobacco to other huge, nationally important areas that have come under greater government supervision since his presidency began. Those include banking, housing and autos. Still to come, if Congress can agree: health care.

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Marines will come out of Iraq by early 2010



Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway talks about the fight in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the current state of readiness of the Marines, Thursday, June 11, 2009, at the National Press Club in Washington.

Associated Press

LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — All

but a few dozen of the 16,000 U.S. Marines now in Iraq will be out by early next year, the

Marine Corps commandant said Thursday, putting a solid end date on a long-anticipated exit.

Gen. James T. Conway said his Marine commanders already are moving equipment out of Anbar Province, where most of his forces have been concentrated. The larger exodus will begin shortly after the Iraqi elections.

"I see the number going down to essentially zero in, I think, sometime in spring 2010," Conway told an audience at the National Press Club. The only exception, he said, will be about 30 Marines who will be working with Iraq's fledgling Marine Corps securing oil platforms in the south around Basra.

Conway and other military leaders have said that to

reinforce the Marine presence in Afghanistan, they would have to draw down in Iraq. Last month close to 11,000 Marines deployed to Afghanistan, heading to the southern Helmand province, the world's largest opium poppy-producing region.

While some of the lessons from Iraq will carry over, Conway said the Marines in Afghanistan are facing tougher terrain and cannot always wear the 80 pounds of body armor they had been wearing in Iraq.

He also said that buried roadside bombs that are triggered by pressure plates are the greatest threat the troops face in Afghanistan, although they are not quite so sophisticated as those seen in Iraq.

He said he believes the Taliban are massing for an increase in attacks. But when asked how long he believes the Marines will be in Afghanistan, Conway would say only that they will be there for as long as they are needed.

Conway also said he believes the corps can sustain between 15,000 and 18,000 Marines in Afghanistan and still give troops 14 months at home for every seven months they are deployed, a crucial rest period that also allows units to get training.

Currently 56,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan and 133,000 in Iraq.

All U.S. combat forces are scheduled to be out of Iraqi cities by the end of this month and out of Iraq by the end of 2011. □



A cigarette sits in an ashtray at the Red Key Tavern in Indianapolis, Thursday, June 11, 2009. The U.S. Senate voted Thursday on legislation that for the first time would give the new powers to control the production and marketing of tobacco products. South Carolina has the lowest state sales tax on cigarettes in the country.

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NO SMOKING

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Supporters of regulation of tobacco have struggled for more than a decade to overcome powerful resistance — from the industry and elsewhere. In 2000 the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the Food and Drug Administration did not have the authority under current law to regulate tobacco products, and the Bush administration opposed several previous efforts by Congress to write a new law. Fierce opposition by the industry and tobacco-state lawmakers had prevented passage for years, along with

veto threats by the George W. Bush White House. In the end, the nation's biggest tobacco company supported the measure, though rivals suggested that was because it could lock in Philip Morris' share of the market.

Cigarette smoking kills about 400,000 people in the United States every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 45 million U.S. adults are smokers, though the prevalence has fallen since the U.S. surgeon general's warning 45 years ago that tobacco causes lung cancer. The legislation, one of the most dramatic anti-smoking

initiatives since the surgeon general's report, would give the drug agency authority to regulate the content, marketing and advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

"This legislation represents the strongest action Congress has ever taken to reduce tobacco use, the leading preventable cause of death in the United States," declared Matthew Myers, president of Campaign for Tobacco-free Kids. The 79-17 Senate vote sent the measure back to the House, which in April passed a similar but not identical version. House acceptance of the Senate bill would send it directly to Obama, who said Thursday that final passage "will make history by giving the scientists and medical experts at the FDA the power to take sensible steps."

"At any given moment, millions are struggling with their habit or worrying about loved ones who smoke," said Obama.

Thursday's legislation gives the FDA power to evaluate the contents of tobacco products and to order changes or bans on those that are a danger to public health. The agency could limit nicotine yields but not ban nicotine or cigarettes.

Regulators could prohibit

tobacco companies from using candy or other flavors in cigarettes that tend to attract young smokers, and restrict advertising in publications often read by teenagers. Rules on sales to minors would be toughened, as would warning labels. Tobacco companies would have to get FDA approval for new products, and would be barred from using terms such as "light" or "mild" that imply a smaller health risk. Costs of the new program would be paid for through a fee imposed on tobacco companies.

"This is a bill that will protect children and will protect America," said Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat and a leading supporter. "Every day that we don't act, 3,500 American kids — children — will light up for the first time. That is enough to fill 70 school buses."

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that FDA regulation could reduce underage smoking by 11 percent over the next decade.

The bill, said American Heart Association chief executive Nancy Brown, "provides a tremendous opportunity to finally hold tobacco companies accountable and restrict efforts to addict more

children and adults."

The tobacco lobby, contended Durbin, has long been the most powerful lobby on Capitol Hill, "and they managed to create an exemption in virtually every law so that no federal agency could take a look at them and regulate them."

But the industry has also taken hits in recent years as the dangers of smoking became more apparent and states moved to limit smoking in public places. In 1998 the industry agreed to pay the states \$206 billion to help cover health care costs, and this year Congress raised the federal cigarette tax by 62 cents, to \$1.01 a pack, to fund a health care program for children.

The largest U.S. tobacco manufacturer, Philip Morris, USA, has come out in support of the legislation. Its parent company, Altria Group, said in a statement that on balance, "the legislation is an important step forward to achieve the goal we share with others to provide federal regulation of tobacco products."

Its main rivals, however, have voiced opposition, arguing in part that FDA restrictions on new products will lock in Philip Morris' share of the market. □

Nation's largest solar plant to be built in New Mexico

By SUE MAJOR HOLMES

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Utility officials announced plans Thursday to build a giant solar energy plant in the New Mexico desert in what is believed to be the largest such project in the nation.

The 92-megawatt solar thermal plant could produce enough electricity to power 74,000 homes, far exceeding the size of other solar plants in the United States. The largest solar thermal plant in operation now is about 70 megawatts, said Dave Knox, a spokesman for New Jersey-based NRG Energy, the company building and running the facility.

"This is larger than anything in existence in America so far today," he said.

The plant was announced at a time when communities around the country are drawing up plans for solar and other alternative energy projects, especially with millions of dollars in stimulus money available.

El Paso Electric Co. has a 20-year agreement to buy the electricity the plant generates. David Stevens, the company's chief executive officer, said the utility was interested in the project because New Mexico has "some of the best solar hot spots in the country."

The plant — to be called the Suntower — will be built on 450 acres of private land near the Santa Teresa port of entry in far southern New Mexico near El Paso, Texas.

It will be similar in many respects to a steam plant, using the sun instead of fossil fuel to generate steam and produce electricity, said Michael Liebelson, president of NRG and chief of development for its low-carbon technologies.

It will look like a giant field of mirrors relatively low to the ground, interspersed with 180-foot towers topped by boilers. Motors on the mirrors will keep them aligned with the sun.

"The more ability you have to focus the mirrors, the more sunlight you capture," Liebelson said.

Construction is expected to start early next year. El Paso Electric says it will take up to 16 months to build the plant, which is expected to be in full operation by the summer of 2011.

New Mexico state law requires utilities to get 6 percent of their total energy sales from renewable energy, such as solar or wind. The requirement goes to 10 percent in 2011, 15 percent in 2015 and 20 percent in 2020.

In February, NRG and eSolar, founded in 2007 in California to develop and build modular, scalable solar thermal power plants, announced plans to develop up to 500 megawatts of solar thermal power in California and the Southwest. Stevens believes it's only a first step.

"As these types of technologies get into place, people are going to learn from them," he said. "I think they will get better, more efficient and hopefully, cheaper."

Bill Gross, chief executive

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The 200-kilowatt solar array at the Pearl Brewery redevelopment in San Antonio, TX., is currently the largest solar project in the state.

officer of eSolar, said solar thermal has the greatest potential of all solar technologies because "the price is so good you can actually compete with fossil fuels." Gross suggests sunshine

"could be like a cash crop," with New Mexico producing enough electricity from solar to export outside its borders.

He said solar thermal would need only eight sections — or eight miles by eight miles — to meet all the electricity needs for the entire state of New Mexico.

"We hope after this project is successful we can replicate this all over New Mexico," he said. □

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War-funding bill back on track for passage

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — After a flare-up over controversial detainee abuse photos, House-Senate negotiators sealed agreement on a crucial war-funding bill Thursday night when President Barack Obama personally guaranteed the photos would never be released.

To reassure Democratic moderates who had balked at House demands that Congress not interfere in a lawsuit to force the release of photos of U.S. troops abusing detainees, Obama promised to use every available means to block their release. His powers include issuing an order to classify the photos, thus blocking their release under the Freedom of Information Act.

The promise came after Democratic negotiators abruptly adjourned a public House-Senate negotiating session and White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel rushed to the Capitol to resolve an impasse between Senate Democratic moderates and House liberals over the photos issue.

A federal appeals court in New York withdrew its order that the government release the photographs to give the Obama administration time to take the dispute to the Supreme Court. The move came as a blow to the American Civil Liberties Union, which is trying to force the photos' release.

The compromise \$106 billion war-funding bill faces House



In this photo taken on Sunday, June 7, 2009, Sgt. 1st Class Gary Frey of Quincy, Illinois, left, talks to Iraqi soldier manning a checkpoint in the Hurriyah neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq.

Associated Press

and Senate votes next week and, if passed, would then be sent to Obama to be signed into law.

Competing House and Senate versions of the war-funding bill passed by wide margins in both chambers last month, but several issues slowed House-Senate negotiations on a compromise. House Republicans now oppose the bill over a \$5 billion Obama request to secure a \$108 billion U.S. line of credit to the International Monetary Fund to help poor countries deal with the world recession. The House-Senate negotiating session also sealed a compromise on dealing with Guantanamo Bay detainees. Barack Obama would be allowed for the next four

months to order the detainees into the United States to face trial.

Through Sept. 30, detainees from the U.S. detention center in Cuba would be allowed to be transferred to the United States only to face trial, delaying the question of whether Guantanamo detainees tried and convicted in military courts in the United States would serve their prison sentences in the U.S. or other nations.

The compromise buys the administration time as it struggles to come up with a permanent solution to the question of what to do with the Guantanamo detainees that would allow Obama to fulfill his promise to close the detention facility by Jan. 22.

The Guantanamo tangle was but one of several side issues Democrats have struggled with over the past two weeks as they have tried to reconcile Senate and House bills funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The tangle over detainee abuse photos came to a head because House liberals found new leverage since their votes were crucial to passage once House Republicans abandoned the measure over the IMF funds.

Lawmakers from automobile manufacturing states won \$1 billion for a new "cash for clunkers" program that aims to boost new auto sales by allowing consumers to turn in gas-guzzling cars and trucks for vouchers toward the purchase of more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The legislation was not included in either the House or Senate war-funding measure, and Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, protested that a provision proposed by the House did too little to encourage purchases of fuel-efficient cars and instead amounted to little more than a bailout of the car companies. But lawmakers from manufacturing states, such as Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois, prevailed in the talks.

The bill started out two months ago as an \$83 billion request from Obama, then morphed into a \$106 billion measure brimming with money to fight the flu, buy military cargo planes and help poor nations weather the global economic crisis.

The numerous controversies obscured widespread support for the core of the bill: \$79.9 billion for the Pentagon, most of which is for carrying out military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Included in that total was \$2.2 billion for eight C-17 cargo planes, manufactured by the Boeing Co., despite Obama's call to terminate the program.

The measure provides \$10.4 billion in foreign aid, including \$700 million to help Pakistani security forces fight

insurgents and \$700 million in international food aid, more than double Obama's request. There's also \$7.7 billion to fight the flu — the World Health Organization declared a swine flu pandemic on Thursday — far higher than Obama's initial \$1.5 billion request. Democrats rejected an administration plan to trim part of Obama's economic stimulus law to pay for part of an additional request submitted last week.

The measure provides \$439 million requested by the top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, to restore barrier islands along his state's coastline that Hurricane Katrina destroyed in 2005. That came despite a promise by Obama to keep the war-funding bill free of pet projects.

On the very week that Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., appeared at the White House to tout a "pay-as-you-go" law requiring new programs to be paid for instead of being lumped onto the deficit, the measure would use deficit dollars for the auto-buying subsidies programs and to give GI Bill education benefits to the children of military service members who die while on active duty. □

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MUSEUM SHOOTING

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Von Brunn, who tried to kidnap members of the Federal Reserve decades ago, remained in critical condition Thursday at a Washington hospital. A self-described artist, advertising man and author, he wrote an anti-Semitic treatise, "Kill the Best Gentiles," decried "the browning of America" and claimed to expose a Jewish conspiracy "to destroy the White gene-pool." He also wrote of a lifetime of seething anger.

"It's better to be strong than right," he said in one of his dark online postings, "unless you like dying. Crowds hate good guys."

Von Brunn was charged with murder and killing in the course of possessing a firearm at a federal facility, both capital offenses under federal law, and authorities said Thursday hate crime charges were also possible. Johns was black.

"We know what Mr. von Brunn did yesterday at the Holocaust museum. Now it's our responsibility to determine why he did it," said Joseph Persichini, assistant director of the Washington FBI field office.

The Homeland Security Department said the shooting does not appear to have a connection to terrorism, according to a joint Homeland Security and FBI assessment, though Persichini characterized it as "domestic terrorism."

He said authorities have contacted or visited any people or places named in documents found in von Brunn's car. Authorities searched the red 2002 Hyundai for explosives, but found none. The attack unfolded in a public space filled with records, photographs and exhibits about the Nazis' killing of more than 6 million Jews in the Holocaust more than a half-century ago. The museum was crowded with schoolchildren and other tourists, but all escaped injury.

Ashley Camp, 14, on a field trip with more than 40 other students, said she heard two or three gunshots and a security guard ordered the group to run to the exit.

"We had to sprint as fast as we could out the door," she said.

Von Brunn was sentenced in 1983 for attempted armed kidnapping and other charges in his 1981 bid to seize Fed board members. A guard captured him outside the room where the board was meeting. He had a revolver, sawed-off shotgun and knife in a bag with him. He served more than six years in prison.

"The subject resides in my memory like old road-kill," he wrote of the capture. "What could have been a slam-bang victory turned into ignoble failure."

Von Brunn is a native of St. Louis, a World War II veteran who served in the Navy, worked in advertising in New York City and moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore in the late 1960s, where he stayed in advertising and tried to make a mark as an artist.

Public records show that in 2004 and 2005 he lived briefly in Hayden, Idaho, for years home to the Aryan Nations, a racist group run by neo-Nazi Richard Butler.

Civil rights groups were familiar with his history.

"We've been tracking this guy for decades," said Heidi Beirich, director of research for the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which tracks hate crimes. "He thinks the Jews control the Federal Reserve, the banking system, that basically all Jews are evil."

His Internet writings say the Holocaust was a hoax. "At Auschwitz the 'Holocaust' myth became Reality, and Germany, cultural gem of the West, became a pariah among world nations," he wrote.

Von Brunn had claimed on his Web site that he had a long-standing relationship with Willis Carto, a publisher of books denying the Holocaust.

Carto flatly denied that in a phone interview, saying he had not heard from von Brunn in years and never had any relationship with him.

In fact, Carto said, in recent months von Brunn "has spent a great deal of anger" attacking American Free Press, the weekly newspaper Carto publishes, "saying these papers and the people who published them were too soft on the Jews." □



Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier, left, and Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, right, listen as, FBI assistant director in charge of the Washington Field Office Joseph Persichini Jr. speaks to the media near the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, Thursday, June 11, 2009, a day after a shooting left a security officer dead and the gunman wounded.

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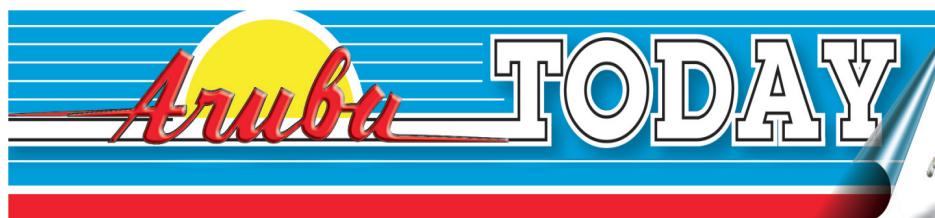


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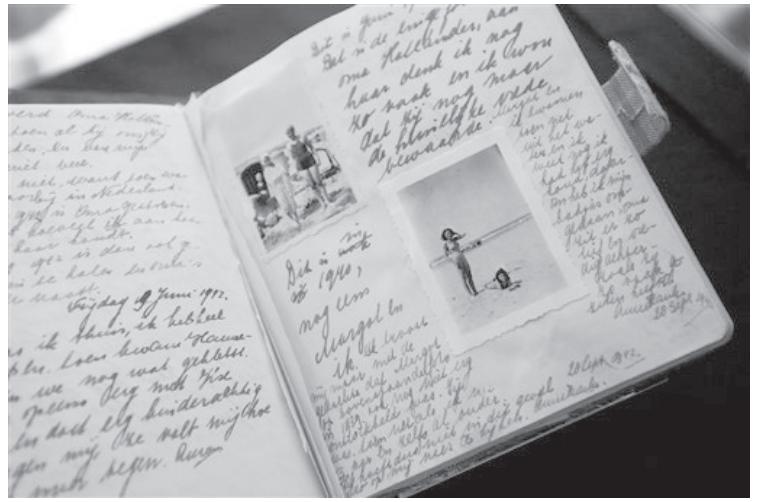
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Anne Frank museum to display her actual diaries



A facsimile of Anne Frank's diary displayed during a press conference at Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Thursday, June 11, 2009.

TOBY STERLING

Associated Press Writer

AMSTERDAM (AP)

— The Anne Frank House museum says it will put the teenage Holocaust victim's diaries and other writings on permanent display to commemorate what would have been her 80th birthday

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on Friday.

Frank died in a concentration camp at 15.

Until now her posthumously published diaries and other works have been kept in an archive at the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation. Some have previously been displayed

at the museum, which encompasses and preserves the "Secret Annex" — the tiny apartment above a canal-side warehouse where the Frank family hid for two years. Education Minister Ronald Plasterk said it was important for the historical record that the writings be on display at the museum, "on the spot where they were written."

Frank was born June 12, 1929, and began keeping a diary in a red-and-white autograph book shortly before the family went into hiding in July 1942.

That book is on display at the museum now.

In addition, Frank used two school exercise books as diaries once the autograph book was full.

There is also a small ledger from her father's office she filled with quotes she liked from books she had read; and an account book she used to write short stories in.

Finally, there are 360 loose sheets of paper that she used to rewrite the diaries when it became apparent that Germany was losing the war and she began to dream that the occupation of the Netherlands would end and her diary might one day be published.

"I know that I can write, a couple of my stories are good ... there's a lot in my diary that speaks, but whether I have real talent remains to be seen," she wrote on April 4, 1944.

The family's hiding place was betrayed and they were arrested by German police in August 1944. Anne died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp just weeks before it was liberated in the spring of 1945.

Her diary was recovered and preserved by Miep Gies, a Dutch woman who helped the family while they were in hiding. Otto Frank, Anne's father, survived the war and published the diaries in 1947. They have since been translated into dozens of languages and read by millions of people worldwide.

"I want to go on living even after my death!" Anne wrote in the same April 4 entry.

"And therefore I am grateful to God for giving me this gift, this possibility of developing myself and of writing, of expressing all that is in me."

The museum says it hopes to have all Anne Frank's writings on display by Nov. 1. □



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N. Korea demands 4-fold raise in wages from South

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The joint industrial park that remains the biggest symbol of reconciliation between the two Koreas faces doom following North Korea's demand for a 3,000 percent increase in rent for the site — a figure one businessman called "nonsense."

Pyongyang also asked for a four-fold increase in wages for 40,000 workers employed by South Korean companies at the park, located in the North Korean border town of Kaesong, about two hours drive from Seoul. The demands were made during talks between the two sides at Kaesong, an official said.

Late Thursday, North Korea's official news agency issued a statement saying relations between the two countries had reached the "phase of catastrophe" and the Kaesong complex had been "thrown into a serious crisis."

The motive behind the secretive regime's requisition was unclear but analysts provided a variety of possibilities: supreme leader Kim Jong Il's government is so impoverished that it is clutching at straws to survive; it wants to raise tensions with the South to harden internal unity as the ailing Kim prepares to hand over power to his son; it's a bargaining ploy to force the pro-U.S. government in Seoul to soften its hard-line stand.

Any or all of these theories could be the answer to the enigmatic and unpredictable communist government's actions.

But it is clear that the effort to squeeze hundreds of millions of dollars out of Seoul will further strain ties, already dragged down by Pyongyang's recent nuclear and missile tests and the detention of a South Korean worker at the industrial park in Kaesong.

North Korea also faces tough new U.N. sanctions, likely to become official within days, to punish it for conducting an underground nuclear explosion on May 25, its first since a 2006 atomic test.

Meanwhile, the U.S.

government said North Korea may be preparing for its third nuclear test.

A U.S. counterproliferation official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the information publicly, said in Washington on Thursday there are indications North Korea may be readying another nuclear test.

Paik Hak-soon, a senior analyst at the Sejong Institute, a security think tank, said North Korea's demands at the joint industrial park are aimed at sending the message that the complex "faces the crisis of getting shut down" and therefore South Korea should become more conciliatory toward it.

After a conservative government with a hard-line policy on the North took office in Seoul last year, the reclusive regime cut off ties and halted all major joint projects except the Kaesong Industrial Complex.

The complex, which houses 106 South Korean companies, was hailed as a model of economic cooperation between the rivals when it opened in 2004.

It combines South Korean capital and technology with cheap North Korean labor. Workers are hired on a monthly salary of \$70 on average, but the money goes directly into government bank accounts.

At Thursday's meeting, North Korea demanded the salary be increased to \$300 a month in the first year, followed by annual hikes of 10 to 20 percent, said Unification Ministry spokeswoman Lee Jong-joo.

"That's nonsense!" Park Jung-ho, a former official of a shoe factory operating in Kaesong, said of the North's wage demand. "We have to look at the productivity of North Korean workers. If South Korean workers produce, say, 100, North Koreans only produce 30."

South Koreans pay about \$170 a month to Chinese laborers in their factories in China.

Lee said North Korea also wanted rent of \$500 million for the 35 million-square foot (3.3 million-square-meter)



A South Korean Army tank man watch in Paju near the demilitarized zone of Panmunjom, South Korea, Thursday, June 11, 2009. The two Koreas were discussing Thursday on the fate of a troubled industrial park, set up jointly as a symbol of reconciliation that is now a major source of friction amid fears about North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

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site. Under an agreement between the two countries, North Korea has already received \$16 million as rent for 50 years.

The North Korean news agency said Pyongyang is seeking the "re-examination and re-negotiations of the business" in Kaesong because there is no reason to give South Korean companies preferential treatment any more. It said the companies have been making "big profits whereas the north side has not received payments at a proper level as far as land use tax, wages for workers ... and tax on the zone, etc. are concerned."

It did not say how much more money it wants but expressed the government's "willingness to take additional measures" to facilitate business for new investors in the factory park.

Yoo Ho-yeol, a North Korea expert at Korea University, said Pyongyang appears to be using Kaesong to further raise tensions with the South to promote internal unity so that there is little grumbling when Kim hands over power to his youngest 26-year-old son, Kim Jong Un, as is being speculated.

"I think this is a 'get-out' message" even if it means the regime "loses a few tens of millions of dollars," he said.

Kim, 67, is said to have suffered a stroke and undergone brain surgery last summer.

Little is known about the workings of the insular nation, and most information comes out through occasional defectors, South Korea's spy agency and South Korean

media sources in the North. During Thursday's talks, South Korean officials demanded the release of a compatriot detained at Kaesong since late March for allegedly denouncing the North's political system, chief South Korean delegate Kim Young-tak said. □



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WHO: SWINE FLU**Continued from Page B1**

Dr. Thomas Frieden, the new head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in Atlanta that he does not expect widespread public anxiety in the United States as a result of the declaration, noting it came nearly two months after the virus was identified.

For many weeks, U.S. health officials have been treating it as a pandemic, increasing the availability of anti-viral flu medicines and pouring money into a possible vaccination program. And scientists have grown to understand that the virus is generally not much more severe than the seasonal flu.

"That helps to tamp down any fears that may be excessive," Frieden said at a news conference — his first as CDC director.

But the virus can still be deadly and may change into a more frightening form in the near future, and so people should not be complacent, he added.

So far, swine flu has caused 144 deaths, compared with ordinary flu that kills up to 500,000 people a year.

The pandemic decision might have been made much earlier if WHO had more accurate information about swine flu's rising sweep through Europe. Chan said she called the emergency meeting with flu experts after concerns were raised that some countries, such as Britain, were not accurately reporting their cases.

Chan said the experts unanimously agreed there was a wider spread of swine flu than was being reported.

She would not say which country tipped the world into the pandemic, but WHO flu chief Keiji Fukuda said the situation from Australia seemed to indicate the virus was spreading rapidly there — more than 1,300 cases were reported by Thursday.



MARGARET CHAN
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WHO Director-General Margaret Chan, left, listens to Keiji Fukuda, assistant Director-General, during a press conference at the World Health Organization, WHO, headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, Thursday, June 11, 2009. The World Health Organization held an emergency swine flu meeting Thursday and declared phase 6, the first flu pandemic in 41 years as infections climbed in the United States, Europe, Australia, South America and elsewhere.

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In Chile, authorities have identified almost 1,700 cases to WHO.

Many health experts said the world has been in a pandemic for weeks but WHO became too bogged down by politics to declare one. In May, several countries urged WHO not to declare a pandemic, fearing it would cause social and economic turmoil. At the time, WHO said it would rewrite its pandemic definition to avoid announcing one. But with the recent surge in cases across Europe, Chile, Australia and Japan, the agency was under increasing pressure to acknowledge a pandemic.

"This is WHO finally catching up with the facts," said Michael Osterholm, a flu expert at the University of Minnesota.

David Ropeik, an expert in risk perception and communication at Harvard University, says the word pandemic is less frightening than when emerged during worries about bird flu a few years ago.

He said the "soft buildup" to declaring swine flu a pandemic has been helpful. "That allows people to get used to what is otherwise a

scary word, understand the particulars of the disease, and that should mean reaction will be a little more information-based and a little less emotional," Ropeik said in an e-mail. WHO will now recommend that pharmaceutical companies make swine flu vaccine. The agency typically recommends which flu strains drug companies should use in the vaccines. In a global outbreak, WHO also advises whether companies should make pandemic vaccine. The decision to make pandemic vaccine is a gamble. Most flu vaccine makers cannot make both regular seasonal flu vaccine and pandemic vaccine at the same time. That means they must decide which one the world will need more.

Drug giant GlaxoSmithKline PLC said it could start commercial production of pandemic vaccine in July but that it would take months before large quantities are available.

Glaxo spokesman Stephen Rea said the company's first doses of vaccine would be reserved for countries who had ordered it in advance,

including Belgium, Britain and France. He said Glaxo would also donate 50 million doses to WHO for poor countries.

Pascal Barollier, a spokesman for Sanofi-Aventis, said they were also working on a pandemic vaccine but WHO had not yet asked them to start making mass quantities of it.

WHO described the pandemic as "moderate." Fukuda said people should not get overly anxious about the virus. "Understand it, put it in context, and then you get on with things," he said.

Still, about half of the people who have died from swine flu were previously young and healthy — people who are not usually susceptible to flu. Swine flu is also crowding out regular flu viruses. Both features are typical of pandemic flu viruses.

Swine flu is also continuing to spread during the start of summer in the northern hemisphere. Normally, flu viruses disappear with warm weather, but swine flu is proving to be resilient.

"What this declaration does do is remind the world that

flu viruses like H1N1 need to be taken seriously," said U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, warning that more cases could crop up in the fall.

Now that a pandemic has been declared, some countries might be prompted to devote more money to containing the virus. Many developed countries have pandemic preparedness plans that link spending to a WHO declaration.

The U.N. is keen to avoid panic. "We must guard against rash and discriminatory action, such as travel bans or trade restrictions," said U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Fear has already gripped Argentina, where thousands have flooded hospitals this week, bringing emergency health services in Buenos Aires to the brink of collapse during winter weather. Last month, a bus arriving in Argentina from Chile was stoned by people who thought a passenger had swine flu.

China has quarantined travelers, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, on the slightest suspicion of contact with an infected person.

The U.S. government has already increased the availability of flu-fighting medicines and authorized \$1 billion for developing a new swine flu vaccine. In addition, new cases seem to be declining in many parts of the country, U.S. health officials say, as North America moves out of its traditional winter flu season.

Still, New York City reported three more swine flu deaths Thursday, including a child under 2, a teenager and a person in their 30s.

"Countries where outbreaks appear to have peaked should prepare for a second wave of infection," Chan warned. □

Mexico: Gunmen kill policeman, teen at taco stand

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MORELIA, Mexico (AP)

— Gunmen opened fire and tossed a grenade at a crowded taco stand in the central Mexican city of Uruapan on Thursday, causing cooking gas tanks to explode and killing a police officer and a 15-year-old boy.

A spokesman for the state prosecutor's office in Michoacan state said the policeman was shot while eating with a fellow officer. Before fleeing, the assailants shot two tanks of cooking gas that exploded, burning the teenage taco stand worker to death, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity because his

office does not allow him to give his name. Four other people were injured.

Investigators said the attack apparently targeted the two officers.

Uruapan has been plagued by drug violence. The city's mayor was among 10 Michoacan mayors detained by federal officials last month for alleged drug ties. In 2006, suspected La Familia cartel members dumped five human heads on a bar dance floor in the city.

Drug gangs have been staging increasingly bold attacks since Calderon launched a national crackdown on cartels in 2006 by sending troops to Michoacan, his home state.



Mexican Federal Police officers remove an image of fellow officer Pedro Camacho after a ceremony in his honor at Federal Police headquarters in Mexico City, Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Camacho was killed Tuesday during an operation against drug cartel operators in the Mexican state of Durango.

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More than 10,800 people have died in drug violence in Mexico since.

Also on Thursday, armed men barged into a motel room and killed five people in their beds in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, said Victor Valencia de los Santos, public safety secretary for Chihuahua state. A sixth person was wounded.

Two other people were killed during a car chase and shootout between armed men in downtown Juarez, said Enrique Torres, a spokesman for the joint military and federal police operation responsible for security in the city. Both people killed were gunmen.

The federal Attorney General's Office, meanwhile, offered a 10 million peso (\$737,000) reward for information

on the whereabouts of

Francisco Serrano, the customs administrator for the Gulf coast state of Veracruz believed to have been kidnapped this month. Serrano recently launched a new system to check shipping containers at Veracruz, one of Mexico's most important ports and the scene of increasing drug

violence.

Mexico's president vowed not to allow attacks on government and police derail the fight against drug trafficking.

"Wherever they attack our personnel, we will make it difficult for anyone to carry out their criminal activities," Calderon said during a speech in Veracruz. □

Yemeni tribesmen kidnap 24 medics

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SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni tribesmen kidnapped 24 local and foreign medics working at a Saudi hospital in northern Yemen on Thursday and demanded the government release two of their colleagues.

Armed tribesmen kidnapped the group, which includes male and female medics from Egypt, India, Sudan and the Philippines, as they were traveling in a bus from the capital, San'a, to northern Sada province, said Sheik Hezam, who identified himself as one of the kidnappers.

The tribesmen commandeered the bus and took it to a mountainous area in Amran province, 50 miles north of San'a, Hezam told The Associated Press. He said the hostages are safe and in good health.

Local tribal leaders and ordinary citizens confirmed the kidnapping, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of government response. Government officials refused to comment on the kidnapping, saying it was a tribal matter. Yemeni tribes have previously seized foreigners — either tourists or those living or working in the country — to pressure the Yemeni government to meet their demands, mainly to free clan members from jail. In most cases the kidnappings are resolved and the hostages freed unharmed.

Hezam also demanded the government implement development projects in his area to improve the local economy.

Yemen, the most impoverished country in the Arabian Peninsula, is a U.S. ally in the Middle East, but it also is the ancestral homeland of Osama bin Laden, and al-Qaida loyalists are active in the country. □



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St. Jude: Mickelson gets back to work and under par

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AP Golf Writer

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Returning to work for the first time since disclosing last month that his wife has breast cancer, Phil Mickelson made a solid 2-under 68 to be four shots behind leader Brian Gay in the St. Jude Classic on Thursday.

He wore a pink ribbon stitched into the side of his white cap and at times looked fatigued, but he wasted no time firing up fans with birdies on the opening two holes. Then came a sliced tee shot into the water and a nearly four-putt green. He birdied two of the last three holes.

A typical round for one of golf's most unpredictable stars.

Jose Maria Olazabal, a two-time Masters champion recently elected to the World



Phil Mickelson, center, jokes with Padraig Harrington, left, of Ireland, before teeing off for the day on the 10th hole during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., Thursday, June 11, 2009.

Associated Press

Golf Hall of Fame, was the day's surprise. Still coping with arthritis pain, the Spaniard shot a 66 to finish in a group that included Rich Beem and Graeme McDowell.

Under heavy clouds that brought brief showers midway through his round, Mickelson was easy to spot because of about 750 fans following him — one man dressed all in pink.

John Daly's comeback was for vastly different reasons, and the result not quite the same. He played on the U.S. PGA Tour for the first time since a six-month suspension for off-course activities that brought unwanted publicity. Daly opened with eight straight pars and a birdie, but his putter failed him miserably. He followed with three straight bogeys for a 72.

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Nicole Castrale tees off on the ninth hole during the first round of the LPGA Championship golf tournament, Thursday, June 11, 2009, in Havre de Grace, Md.

Associated Press

DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

HAVRE DE GRACE, Maryland (AP) — Nicole Castrale birdied six of the first nine holes and carded a 7-under 65 to take a one-shot lead over rookie Anna Nordqvist after the opening round of the LPGA Championship on Thursday.

Shanshan Feng of China was third at 67.

Castrale's 6-under 30 was the lowest score on the front

nine at the Bulle Rock Course since the tournament moved from DuPont Country Club in 2005. Taking advantage of a wet course that rendered the greens slow and true, Castrale played virtually flawless golf until a drive into the rough on 18 led to her only bogey of the day.

Now all she has to do is avoid stepping in a drain.

The last time Castrale had a record-setting round at Bulle Rock was in 2006, when she

Castrale shoots 65, leads LPGA Championship

opened with a career-low 64. No one in tournament history shot that before at Bulle Rock, and no one has done it since. But Castrale followed that with a 75, then stepped in a drain after leaving the fitness trailer that night. She sprained her left ankle and ended up tied for 34th.

"I've walked by that drain the past three years, and now you can't get to it because the tents are on it. So that's a good thing," Castrale said.

Seven players were tied at 68, including Na Yeon Choi and Paige Mackenzie.

Michelle Wie, seeking her first win on the tour, shot a 70. Lorena Ochoa carded a 72, defending champion Yani Tseng was at 73, and Brittany Lincicome, seeking to win a second straight major, had five bogeys and a double bogey en

route to a 75.

Castrale has one career win in seven years on the U.S. LPGA Tour — the 2007 Ginn Tribute — and hasn't finished better than a tie for 15th this year. But she was better than everyone else on Thursday, beginning with a 25-foot birdie putt on the opening hole that set the tone for the rest of her sensational round.

"It was good to start off well," Castrale said.

"On the front nine all my iron shots were going right at the pin, and it was a great feeling."

Putts of 6, 12 and 20 feet produced birdies on Nos. 2, 5 and 6. Then, after a par, she used a pair of 3-foot birdie putts to make the turn at 30. The back nine wasn't nearly as impressive, but birdies at 14 and 15 thrust her past Nordqvist

atop the leaderboard.

Nordqvist turned 22 on Wednesday and is playing in her fourth professional tournament. That's not the only reason why her 66 was so impressive; she also had to wake up at 4:30 a.m. for her early tee time.

Showing absolutely no signs of nervousness in her first major, Nordqvist started with a par, then birdied Nos. 2 and 5 before a shot into the bunker on 6 produced her lone bogey of the day.

Birdies putts of 3, 5 and 18 feet followed, enabling the Swede to make the turn at 4 under. Nordqvist said she "lost momentum" at that point because of slow play ahead of her, but long birdie puts on 14 and 17 and a solid par on 18 completed her best round as a pro. □

AL Roundup

Red Sox beat Yankees yet again, win 6-5

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox improved to 7-0 this season against their arch rival New York by beating the Yankees 6-5 in the American League on Wednesday.

Adding in a win in the last meeting of 2008, and the Red Sox have beaten the Yankees eight straight times — their longest winning streak against New York since 1912.

Mike Lowell and Kevin Youkilis homered for Boston, which broke a tie with the Yankees atop the AL East Division standings.

Mark Teixeira went 4 for 5 for New York, including his AL-leading 19th homer.

Tigers 2, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander pitched a six-hitter for his first victory ever at U.S. Cellular Field, downing Chicago.

The White Sox still fell 6-1/2 games behind AL Central-leading Detroit, which has won five of its past six games.

Verlander struck out nine and walked just one in his second complete game this year. He has a 7-0 record and league-low 1.10 ERA since April 27. The seven-decision winning streak matched his career best of 2006, when he helped Detroit reach the World Series.

Going into the game, Verlander had been 0-6 at U.S. Cellular Field.

Rays 9, Angels 5

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay halted a three-game losing streak by downing Los Angeles.

Carlos Pena hit a solo homer in the third inning and Willy Aybar added a two-run shot in the fifth which completed the scoring. Aybar had an RBI single in Tampa Bay's five-run second inning.

The Rays rallied from a 3-0 deficit.

Twins 6, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, pinch-hitter Jason Kubel hit a tying solo homer in the eighth and Delmon Young singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth to help Minnesota overcome Oakland.

Joe Crede tripled to start the ninth, and the replacement pinch-runner scored easily on Young's single up the middle. An RBI single and two wild pitches cost the A's two more runs.

Kubel's drive was the third pinch-hit homer this season for the Twins.

Mariners 4, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Jose Lopez homered twice to help Seattle defeat Baltimore.

Lopez finished with three hits, raising his batting average over the past 11 games to .364. He hit a solo drive in the second and a two-run shot in the sixth for his third career multihomer game. Baltimore pitcher Jeremy Guthrie has given up more homers than any pitcher in the AL this season.

Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez allowed only one run in seven innings.

The Mariners have allowed three runs or less in a franchise-record eight straight games.

Figgurin' out Fenway



New York Yankees' Johnny Damon, Derek Jeter, and Andy Pettitte, from left, lean on the dugout railing during the ninth inning of the Yankees' 6-5 loss to the Boston Red Sox in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

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In other AL games it was, 5; Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 5; Detroit 2, Chicago White Sox 1; and Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 9, L.A. Angels 3. □

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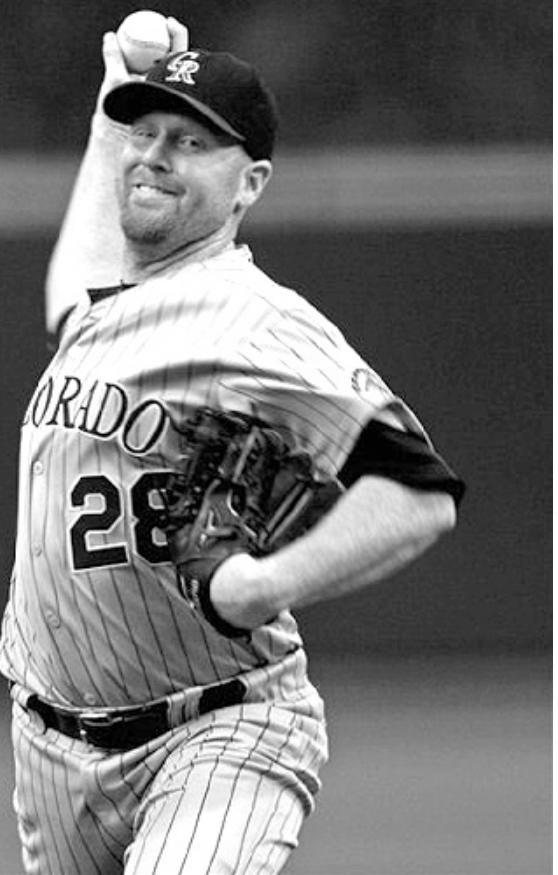
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New York Mets center fielder Carlos Beltran misplays Philadelphia Phillies' Jayson Werth's seventh-inning single in a baseball game at Citi Field in New York, Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Aaron Cook pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning as the Colorado Rockies won their eighth straight game by holding off the Milwaukee Brewers 5-4 in another National League sweep on Thursday.

Ian Stewart homered and scored three times for the Rockies, who won three in a row at Miller Park after completing a four-game sweep at St. Louis this week. Colorado has won eight straight on the road and is 10-4 under manager Jim Tracy, who took over for the fired Clint Hurdle on May 29.

Ryan Braun hit a three-run

homer in the ninth for NL Central-leading Milwaukee. Cardinals 6, Marlins 5

At Miami, pinch-hitter Colby Rasmus hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning after a costly error by center fielder Cody Ross to lift St. Louis over Florida.

The Cardinals rallied for three runs in the eighth. Ross allowed Ryan Ludwick's RBI single to get past him for a two-base error that let an additional run score, and Rasmus followed with his tiebreaking hit.

Albert Pujols hit his 19th home run and Rick Ankiel added three hits for the Cardinals.

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NL Roundup

Rockies win 8th in a row, beat Brewers 5-4

Ross Gload homered twice for the Marlins. He drove in three runs with the first multihomer game of his career.

Pirates 3, Braves 1

At Atlanta, Andy LaRoche hit a two-out, two-run single in the ninth inning for Pittsburgh to split the four-game series. Atlanta's Javier Vazquez gave up only two hits, one of them a fifth-inning homer to Delwyn Young, in eight innings. He matched his season high with 12 strikeouts and took over the NL lead with 105.

Pittsburgh's Paul Maholm gave up four hits and one unearned run in seven innings but endured his sixth no-decision in his last eight starts.

Astros 2, Cubs 1, 13 innings

At Houston, Geoff Blum drove in the winning run for the second straight game, hitting an RBI single in the 13th inning for Houston. Blum singled down the right-field line off Jose Ascanio to score Hunter Pence.

Derrek Lee homered for Chicago with one out in the

ninth. The Astros won for the eighth time in 11 games.

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 1

At Phoenix, Max Scherzer allowed three hits over 7 2-3 dominant innings and Justin Upton drove in two runs with a homer and RBI single to lead Arizona over San Francisco. Scherzer (3-4) struck out six and walked one.

San Francisco scored off a wild pitch in the ninth inning by Chad Qualls, who struck out pinch-hitter Edgar Renteria with a runner at third. □

United accepts world-record Madrid bid for Cristiano Ronaldo

ROB HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Manchester United accepted a world record transfer offer for Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid on Thursday, clearing the World Player of the Year to negotiate personal terms with the Spanish club.

The Premier League champions received an unconditional offer of 80 million pounds (\$131 million; €93 million) for Ronaldo, and unlike in the last offseason manager Alex Ferguson told the Glazer family which owns the club that he is willing to see his 24-year-old star performer join a major European rival.

United said: "At Cristiano's request — who has again expressed his desire to leave — and after discussion with the player's representatives, United have agreed to give Real Madrid permission to talk to the player.

"Matters are expected to be concluded by 30 June."

Madrid confirmed the offer for Ronaldo in a statement, saying: "The club hopes to reach an agreement with the player in the coming days." □



Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo reacts at the end of the UEFA Champions League final soccer match between Manchester United and Barcelona in Rome, Wednesday May 27, 2009. Barcelona won 2-0.

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Brian Gay concentrates before making a putt on the ninth green during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., Thursday, June 11, 2009. Gay made par on the hole and finished the day at 6-under par 64.

Associated Press

ST. JUDE

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"Probably the worst I've putted in five years," Daly said, wearing a neon-green shirt that matched his argyle pants of green and yellow. He offered little in how it felt to be playing before fans near his hometown in Arkansas, who followed him around the TPC Southwind and were treated to a round with few highlights, good or bad.

Gay has narrowly missed out on qualifying for the first two majors, although he has one chance left. Having won at Hilton Head last month, a victory this week would get him into the U.S. Open. He led by one shot over Jimmy Walker.

Mickelson openly shared his emotions and fears before the tournament. He was more guarded after his round on Thursday, sticking mainly to his golf and the tropical vacation after the U.S. Open a week before Amy has surgery and begins treatment.

"It wasn't a great round, but it was a good start," Mickelson said. "It was fun to play a little bit."

He was particularly pleased with his group — three-time major winner Padraig Harrington and Cameron Beckman. They chatted between shots, although his talk with Harrington before the round might have been the most meaningful. □

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Indígenas en Perú en paro, exigen derogar leyes

LIMA/YURIMAGUAS (Reuters) - Pobladores de regiones amazónicas de Perú cumplían el jueves un paro parcial en apoyo a protestas de indígenas, que insisten en la derogatoria de leyes de estímulo a inversiones en sus territorios que consideran atentatorias de la naturaleza y sus propiedades.

El Congreso suspendió el miércoles por tiempo indefinido las polémicas leyes luego de dos meses de intensas manifestaciones, que tuvieron su punto álgido el fin de semana pasado con enfrentamientos entre policías e indígenas que dejaron decenas de muertos.

Los indígenas, organizaciones regionales y sindicales han dicho que no dejarán de protestar hasta que las leyes sean eliminadas definitivamente. En Yurimaguas, a 1.400 kilómetros al noreste de Lima, los nativos seguían con el bloqueo de la principal vía que abastece a ese poblado, donde el comercio local funcionaba aunque los alimentos básicos se vendían a precios más altos de lo normal.

“Hemos decidido quedarnos aquí hasta que haya una solución”, dijo el indígena Fernando Ríos Panaipi, quien llegó a este punto de protesta hace 37 días desde una remota comunidad nativa en la selva

En Colombia

Drummond inicia exportaciones de carbón

BOGOTÁ (Reuters) - La estadounidense Drummond Ltd comenzó la exportación de carbón desde su mina El Descanso, en el noreste de Colombia, informó el jueves la firma que catalogó la reserva como la más grande de su tipo en América Latina. El Descanso, uno de los proyectos carboníferos más importantes del mundo, tiene reservas calculadas en 1.760 millones de toneladas que otorgan un horizonte de explotación de 60 años, precisó Drummond Ltd en un comunicado. “El pasado viernes 5 de junio se realizó la primera exportación de carbón desde El Descanso, la mina más grande de América Latina, que continuará exportando el mineral hasta el año 2032”, dijo la empresa en un comunicado. □



Un indígena con una lanza bloquea una carretera durante una barricada fuera de la ciudad peruana de Yurimaguas, 11 jun 2009. Pobladores de regiones amazónicas de Perú cumplían el jueves un paro parcial en apoyo a protestas de indígenas, que insisten en la derogatoria de leyes de estímulo a inversiones en sus territorios que consideran atentatorias de la naturaleza y sus propiedades.

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del país.

Cientos de nativos permanecen apostados en la carretera portando lanzas y algunos de ellos tienen la cara pintada con rayas rojas y negras, como acostumbran cuando están en situación de conflicto y en defensa de sus tierras.

La ministra de Justicia, Rosario Fernández, afirmó que no existen “razones” para el paro ni las protestas, ya que cuando el Congreso suspendió las polémicas leyes, restituyó y dió “fuerza de ley a todo el

régimen legal anterior”.

“La preocupación no es la norma, el objetivo es crear una

sensación de desestabilización que evidentemente estamos obligados de resolver de una

CEPAL/OIT

Crisis se cobra más de 1 millón de empleos en América Latina

SANTIAGO (Reuters) - La crisis global provocó que más de 1 millón de personas en América Latina se sumaran a la lista de desempleados hacia el final del primer trimestre, dijo el jueves un informe de CEPAL y la OIT, que también afirmó que la región está mejor preparada para resistir el freno mundial.

La tasa de desempleo urbano en América Latina y el Caribe subió a un 8,5 por ciento en el primer trimestre del 2009 desde el 7,9 por ciento de igual período del 2008.

“Enfrentamos un escenario en el cual los datos sobre empleo y trabajo se han convertido en números detrás de los cuales están las historias reales de millones de mujeres y hombres para quienes el futuro ahora es incierto”, dijo el boletín. “La coyuntura actual muestra que los niveles de ocupación están empeorando”, agregó el comunicado conjunto de la Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL) y la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT).

Los organismos de Naciones Unidas estimaron que la tasa media anual de desempleo urbano

manera conciliada, pero con firmeza y aplicando la ley”, dijo Fernández.

Según reportes radiales, el paro de actividades en apoyo a la protesta se cumplía de forma parcial en ciudades selváticas de las regiones de Loreto, Ucayali, San Martín y Madre de Dios, así como en otras áreas andinas como Puno. Imágenes de televisión mostraban también marchas de apoyo en la ciudad sureña de Arequipa y Moquegua. En Lima, los mayores sindicatos de Perú preparaban una marcha hacia Palacio de Gobierno en apoyo a los indígenas.

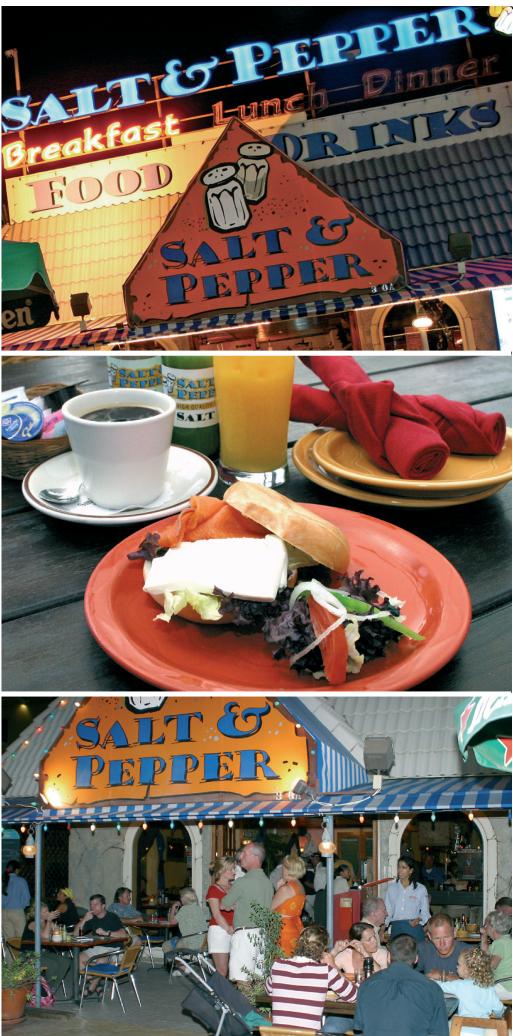
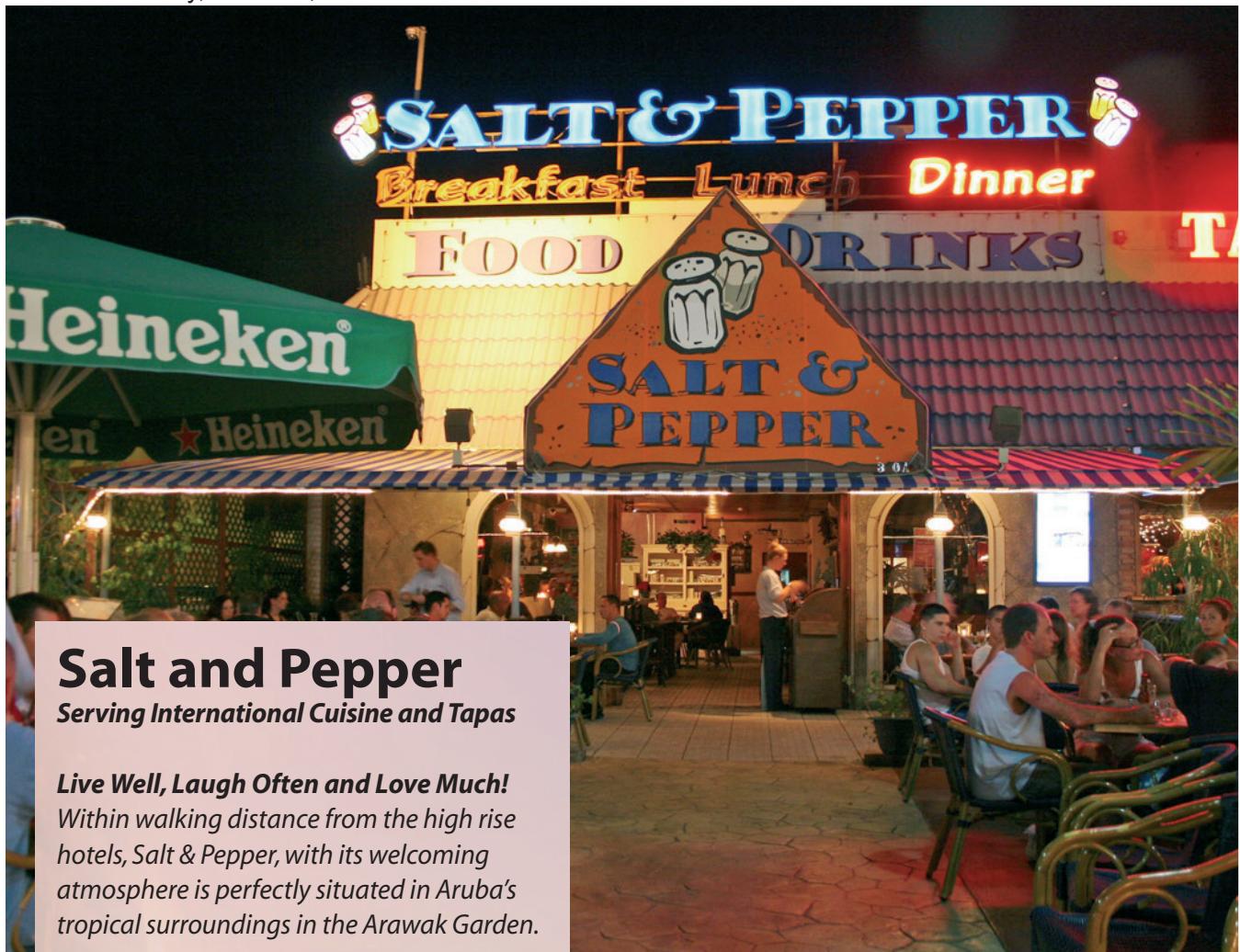
Las protestas son las peores que enfrenta el Gobierno neoliberal de Alan García y llegaron a afectar el suministro de petróleo. A fines de la semana pasada, un violento enfrentamiento entre las fuerzas de seguridad y los nativos dejaron al menos 33 muertos. □

aumentará a un rango que va de un 8,7 por ciento a un 9,1 por ciento.

“Esto significaría que entre 2,8 y 3,9 millones de personas podrían sumarse a los 15,9 millones de personas desempleadas que había en 2008 en las zonas urbanas”, de acuerdo al informe.

Aunque el desempleo afecta de manera más intensa a las mujeres, la desaceleración ha impactado más a los hombres a comienzos de 2009, particularmente en las economías más grandes de la región. “Se espera, además, que frente a la dificultad de encontrar empleo asalariado, segmentos de la población en edad activa se incorporen a realizar actividades informales en los hogares o en trabajos por cuenta propia de escasa productividad e ingresos, con la lógica fundamental de sobrevivir”, indicó el documento.

CEPAL y OIT reconocieron que los gobiernos latinoamericanos han dado pasos importantes en la adopción de políticas contracíclicas para atenuar los impactos negativos de la crisis y estimular la demanda agregada de la economía. □



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